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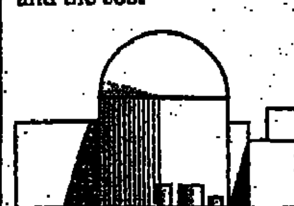
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Gorbachov links arms curb to Star Wars ban

By Henry Stanhope, Diplomatic Correspondent

A warning by the Soviet Union that there could be no hope of a nuclear arms deal unless the West agreed to ban weapons in space, was given by Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the visitor from the Kremlin, in London yesterday.

The Soviet leadership attached "serious importance" to the forthcoming new series of arms talks with the United States in Geneva, and would seek "radical solutions" in working for a complete ban on nuclear missiles.

"Bbut I would like to stress that in present circumstances it is especially important to avert the transfer of the arms race to outer space. If it is not done it would be unreal to hope to stop the nuclear arms race," he said.

Mr Gorbachev, a Politburo member, was speaking amid the Tudor splendour of Hampton Court at a luncheon hosted by Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, after talks between the two men at which Russian concern over President Reagan's so-called "Star Wars" programme had been a recurring theme.

He made clear that the Russians did not accept President Reagan's distinction between offensive missiles, which were designed to hit Moscow, and defensive missiles aimed only at incoming weapons from the other side in wartime.

He made no attempt to play upon Britain's own scepticism by trying to persuade the Government to intercede with the White House, as many had predicted he would.

But with Mrs Margaret Thatcher due to meet Mr Reagan at his Camp David retreat on Saturday, he was clearly taking the opportunity to remind the Americans that the order of Russian priorities had not changed.

Mr Gorbachov, who at 53 is being tipped as the man most likely to succeed in time the ageing President Chernenko, also reminded Sir Geoffrey that the Soviet Union wanted the British and French nuclear deterrents counted in any missile agreement.

But yesterday's meeting, for all their disagreements, including Afghanistan and human rights issues, was "friendly, constructive and businesslike" according to the sources. It went on for two hours and 40 minutes, much longer than expected.

Sir Geoffrey raised four specific human rights cases, including that of the Nobel prize winner Dr Andrei Sakharov, and pleaded for more people from Russia to be allowed to join their relatives abroad.

He said in his luncheon speech: "One could not fail to be touched by the meeting a couple of months ago in this country between an 80-year-old Soviet citizen, Mr Terletskiy, and his son who is now a Member of our Parliament. They were reunited for the first time in over 40 years."

Sir Geoffrey was grateful to the Soviet authorities for making this possible. "But I ask myself why this number could not be mutliplied by hundreds or thousands. I hope that one of the fruits of better relations will be a considerable increase in the number of contacts between ordinary individuals as well as politicians and diplomats."

Referring to the Helsinki Final Act of 1975, he described as a "good and important document". It had brought policy down to a human level, and had made clear that human rights, economic relations, security and the freer flow of information were all part of the same picture – a picture that focussed on the rights and needs of the individual. Policy without people was an empty shell, Sir Geoffrey remarked.

So far the visit would seem to be going according to plan, and even better than British diplomats had hoped.

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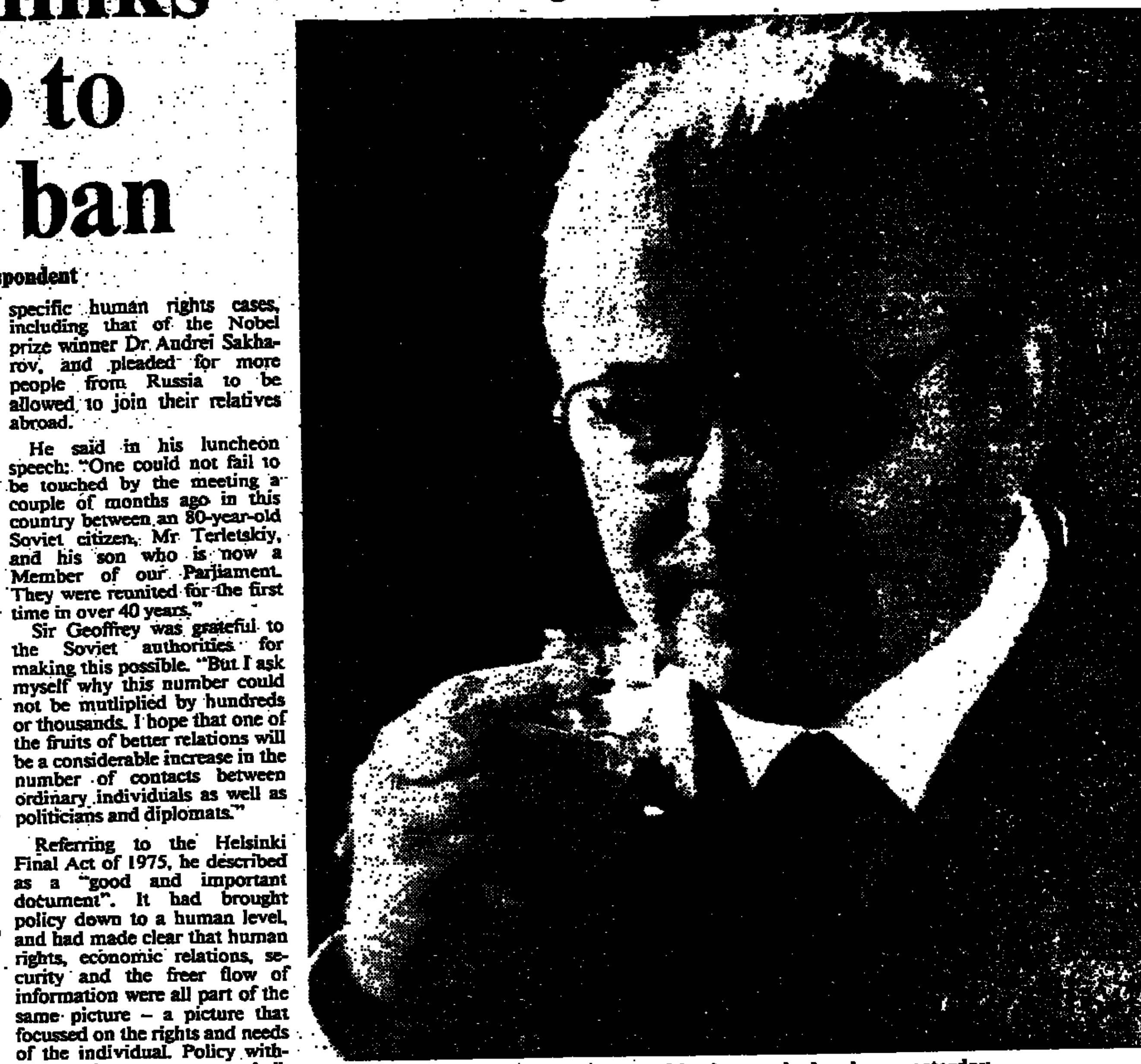
Thatcher optimistic

The Prime Minister said yesterday that she liked Mr Gorbachev, and that she was cautiously optimistic for detente and world peace in the New Year following their weekend talks.

Mrs Thatcher said in a BBC interview: "I like Mr Gorbachev. We can do business together."

On Disarmament talks she said: "I think both of us fel that more monies should be spent towards raising the standard of living of people and perhaps less on armamennts."

'Her Majesty, the Queen . . .'



Mr Gorbachov raising his glass at the luncheon yesterday

Flight to certain death in Sudan

From Robert Fisk
Kassala, Sudan

Under the grey, volcanic mountains along Sudan's eastern fromtier with Ethiopia, a human tragedy of epic proportions is in the making as more than 35,000 people – sick, hungry and exhausted refugees from the Ethiopian famine – live and sleep along the bare mountainside outside Kassala with little food. They have no shelter and only eight volunteer doctors to look aftr them.

They are dying at the rate of four or five a night but they are arriving in Sudan at the rate of more than 3,000day, totally overwhelming the hopelessly small contributions being made by international aid organizations.

You find them crouched on the great shelves of rock high on the mountains, whole families shivering in the dawn light beneath thin brown cotton shawls, almost all of them Christians of the Coptic faith, as they plead, with painful politeness, for food and medical help.

Some have found a few pieces of dead bush to make a shelter for their children while others look down hungrily at the few hundred sacks of grain piled in the desert, the only sign of EEC help. There are no tent encampments for them, not even a rudimentary hospital.

Both the UN High Commissioner for Refugees and the Sudanese refugee authorities made desperate appeals yesterday for international help to prevent thousands of deaths in the disease-infested camp around the Toklabab mountain. One official predicted that 250,000 famine victims would arrive there before the end of February. In the bleak words of Mr Abdul Majid Bashir Elahmadi, the Sudanese Commissioner for Refugees: "Instead of dying in Ethiopia, they will die in Sudan. They will walk to face their deaths in Sudan.

One 3,000-strong army of refugees I watched crossing from Ethiopia to Sudan was already stricken with a severe outbreak of dysentery and Measles among hundreds of its children. By any civilized standard, they should have been met by teams of doctors, lines of hospital tents and food kitchens, with ambulances for the very sick. But all they found was a single young doctor from Medecins sans frontiers, the French non-government humanitarian organization, who examined every child among the thousands of refugees as they waited in the midday sun. He found most of the children suffering from malnutrition, their eyes sealed with conjunctivitis.

In one makeshift desert graveyard alone, I counted 86 graves at the weekend, but the desperately sick are being brought to the medical tent of French relief workers in their dozens. Strapped to pieces of

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Bank faces Lawson inquiry

By Michael Prest

Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, rapped the Bank of England across the knuckles yesterday by announcing a wide-ranging inquiry into banking supervision. The inquiry has been prompted by the £150 million collapse in October of Johnson Matthey Bankers, a prominent gold bullion trading house.

The inquiry announcement brings to a head more than two months of public and parliamentary questioning about what happened to Johson Matthey and whether the Bank of England should have spotted trouble before the collapse.

It comes when the whole structure of City regulation and supervision, responsibilities which until recently were the undisputed realm of the Bank of England, is likely to change radically.

The inquiry will look at the relationship between auditors – accountants who prepare a bank's formal financial figures – and supervisors such as those in the Bank of England who have a statutory requirement under the 1979 Banking Act to ensure a bank's soundness.

It will also examine the training and experience of staff in banks making loans; how lending risks are concentrated and the assessment of the quality of bank assets; the notification and collection of statistics; and the adequacy of the Bank of England's Banking Supervisory Department.

Mr Lawson said that the committee will consist of representatives of the Bank and Treasury, with an independent consultant. Wile the indepedent has not been cosen it is understood that the chairman will be Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton, Governor of the Bank.

Yesterday, the Bank of England welcomed the announcement, which it said had been made after full consultation with the Treasury. Thje Bank said that it had highlighted many of the committee's areas of inquiry before the Johnson Matthey collapse.

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TUC abandons pit peace hopes

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

The TUC last night gave up all hope of reviving the peace process in the 40-week pit strike, which will go into the new year.

Its "inner cabinet", the finance and general purposes committee, decided there could be no further initiatives in the conflict after hearing a report of talks with Mr Peter Walker, the Secretary of State for Energy and contacts with leaders of the National Union of Mineworkers.

Miners leaders yesterday told the TUC's seven-man liaison group monitoring the progress of the confrontation that they were ready to talk with the National Coal Board at any time, but not on the terms laid down by the Government that they should make a prior confirmation to accept the closure of "uneconomic" collieries.

Mr Arthur Scargill, the NUM president, likened the Government's position to a man going out with a gun and meeting three people,asking which of them should be shot.

The TUC's assessment of the situation ran, coincidentally, with the view of the NCB. Another 80 men returned to work yesterday, and Mr Michael Eaton, chief spokesman for the NCB, said: "Small number though this is, on the Monday before Christmas it is a real manifestation of the despair in the industry that we have been talking about for weeks.

"The numbers going back to work will substantially grow in January. The miners will not face a 1985 that is like 1984."

Mr Ian McGregor, NCB chairman, has gone to the United States to spend Christmas and the New Year with his family, and coal board managers are privately ruling out any serious contact with the NUM before the new year.

The NUM executive has been sent back to the coalfields and is not due to meet until January 10, although it can be reconvened in emergency session at a few hours notice.

The prospect of such a meeting receded sharply last night after TUC leaders confessed among themselves that they could not persuade the NCB to accept that the NUM had moved sufficiently in its bargaining position to make the resumption of direct, bilateral talks worthwhile.

Mr Scargill said yesterday: "If there is a move on the part of the coal board to open talks, we shall repond. We didn't break them off in the first place. If they want to reopen talks they know where we are."

But he insisted, once again, that the NCB must withdraw its March 6 pit closure programme; guarantee the future of five threantened collieries, and agree the definition of exhaustion of coal reserves

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Lawson refuses VAT plea on charity record

The Chancellor of the Exchequer yesterday refused to see an all-party delegation of MPs and pop musicians seeking to appeal to him to contribute the VAT revenue from the "Band Aid" famine relief record to the fund for the starving in Ethiopia. The Irish government has already agreed to a similar move.

Mr Tony Blair, Labour MP for Sedgefield and the shadow Treasury spokesman on VAT, had organised the delegation.

Mr Blair said last night: "The record, *Do They Know It's Christmas*, would not have been made but for the Ethiopian famine. As a result the Government have got a windfall of up to £500,000 in VAT. The performers have done their bit; the public has done its bit; why can't the Government do theirs?."

Mrs Thatcher said last night that the Government had already paid far more than the Irish government to Ethiopia.

Thatcher's historic trip under way

By Our Diplomatic Correspondent

Mrs Margaret Thatcher and Sir Geoffrey Howe arrive in Peking today on their historic mission to sign the Anglo-Chinese agreement on Hong Kong.

But the 48-hour visit is also being portrayed in [illegible] as part of a week's diplomacy which is bringing the Prime Minister into contact with three world leaders in different parts of the globe.

The agreement, which will return the British colony to China in 1997 while leaving Hong Kong people free to continue their capitalist lifestyle for 50 more years, has been hailed as a diplomatic triumph in both Peking and Lodon.

Even in Hong Kong itself most people seem staisfied that its terms are the best that could have been obtained under the circumstances, despite their continuing fears for the future.

These fears will be repeated to the Prime Minister when she arrives in the colony on Thursday

While in Peking she will also hold talks with China's leaders, including Mr Deng Xiaoping, whose economic reforms are encouraging a new kind of cultural revolution in his country.

Behind her will be last Sunday's talks at Chequers with Mr Mikhail Gorvachov, the second most powerful man in the Soviet Politburo, while ahead of her will be Saturday's tête-atête with President Reagan at camp David.

● PEKING: Mrs Thatcher has been praised by the former Chinese ambassador to Britain Mr Ke Hua as "an outstanding stateswoman . . . who will go down in history as the leader who ended British colonial rule in the Far East", on the eve of her visit to Peking (Mary Lee writes).

Mr Ke, who was ambassador from 1978 to 1983, set the tone for China's reception of Mrs Thatcher when he told the *People's Daily* on Sunday, that her "contribution to the settlement of the Hong Kong question is praiseworthy".

She had "understood and praised the one country, two systems" policy, he said, and had proposed "wise policies in the important period of the negotiations which pushed the breakthrough in the talks".

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£1.2m cut in arts purchasing power

By David Hewson, Arts Correspondent

Purchasing grants of national galleries and museums are to be cut by an average of nearly 13 per cent next year to pay for badly-needed restoration work on the building themselves.

The £1.2 million cut was the most unexpected aspect of a controversial budget unveiled by Lord Gowrie, Minister for the Arts, yesterday. The allocation of Government funds for the arts will be restricted to 3 per cent in most areas, less than the rate of inflation, a restriction which the minister himself described as "tight".

The Arts Council, which receives £105 million – £15 million less than it asked for – warned that the grant award could close a number of companies. "Many of the council's clients, when faced with uplifts well below inflation, will find their very existence in jeopardy," Sir William Rees-Mogg, the council's chairman, said.

"Some, too, may experience shortfalls in their funds from local authorities, many of which are under sevre pressure to reduce spending."

The council, which allocates grants to individual organizations, meets tomorrow to discuss what is described as "this difficult situation". Its overall budget has risen by 5 per cent, but £2 million of this has been earmarked by Lord Gowrie as additional help for the main Scottish arts companies and to help the council carry through its "Glory of the Garden" strategy to devolve arts funding.

If the body divides its remaining 3 per cent increase equally between clients, many may face retrenchment or collapse. The National Theatre has already said that it needs a 20 per cent increase in its grant to meet future plans.

Lord Gowrie has singled out three main areas for increases about the 3 per cent baseline. Payments to authors under the Public Lending Right scheme will rise by 40 per cent to £2.75 millon; the Arts Council receives five per cent, but with strings; and spending on building, maintenance and repair at national museums and galleries rises by more than 15 per cent to 28.7 million.

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Girl's killer jailed for 30 years

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Reporter

Colin Evans, a lorry driver with a string of convictions for child-molesting, was jailed for a minimum of 30 years yesterday after admitting the murder of Marie Payne, aged four.

At the Central Criminal Court, Mr Justice Kenneth Jones told Evans, aged 45, of Reading, Berkshire, that he was "an evil, dangerous and unfeeling man" who might murder again "in pursuit of your filthy perversions."

Sentencing Evans to life imprisonment the judge said he was recommending a minimum term of 30 years, which should either keep Evans in prison for the rest of his days or long enough for any sexual impulse to fade.

Evans did not speak apart from acknowledging his guilt for the murder, on March 11 last year in Epping Forest.

Evans was arrested last May after trying to snatch children in Essex and east London, the court was told.

Interviewed by the police Evans admitted he had killed the girl after luring her into his car and assaulting her.

He told the police: "She decided she wanted to go back home and get some sweets. I tried to placate her. She started to shout and scream". He grabbed a branch and struck her.

The case will raise questions over the roles of the police probation service and social workers.

Evans worked as a babysitter in Reading several years ago.

After the case, Detective Chief Superintendent David Little, who headed the inquiry, said there were aspects which he regretted such as not using a computer.

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Modern wise men locate star in the east

By Thomson Prentice
Science Correspondent

A senior astronomer has recreated the mysterious bright light which guided the Three Wise Men to Bethlehem. He has calculated that it was caused by an alignment of Saturn and Jupiter which occurred on September 15 in the year 7 BC – a medieval error in dating gave the wrong starting point to the Anno Domini era.

Dr Percy Seymour, who recreated the Bethlehem night sky in the planetarium at Plymouth Polytechnic, used published data on the movement of planets 2,000 years ago and fed the information into sophisticated electronic projection equipment at the college.

Much of the data came from the computer work of Dr David Hughes of Sheffield University, an authority on the Star of Bethlehem "mystery".

Dr Seymour, a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society, was "amazed" when a huge star appeared on the planetarium screen, coinciding with Dr Hughes' September 15 theory.

"Nothing else in the night sky around the years of the birth of Christ can account for the star," he said. "It is, in fact, the planets Saturn and Jupiter coming together in the night sky in the constellation of Pisces. A conjunction of planets like this happens only about once in 179 years. This is almost certainly the astronomical event which marked the birth of Christ."

Dr Seymour said the Three Wise Men were probably astronomers, as suggested in the New English Bible. Jupiter was the planet of kings, Saturn the protector of the Jews, and and Pisces the Zodiac sign associated with Palestine.

"When our calendar was revised in the Middle Ages it is possible that some mistakes were made in the calculations. The result is that we have been celebrating Christmas on the wrong date and seven years late for something like 500 years," he said.

Dr Seymour said that it was "pleasing from a scientific view" to explain the miraculous. "But I will continue to celebrate Christmas on December 25 like everyone else."

Canon Bede Davis, administrator of Plymouth's Catholic Cathedral, said: "This confirms scientifically what we have been saying for 2000 years – that there was a star in the east to mark the birth of Christ.

"We are prepared to accept that, because of changes in the calendar, Christ could well have been born before the date traditionally accepted as Christmas Day."

Ford peace formula rejected by union chiefs

By David Felton
Labour Correspondent

Ford, which has lost more than four weeks of car production because of a strike by 270 machinists will not be able to resume car building for at least another two weeks after shop stewards yesterday rejected a peace formula to end the dispute.

The decision will be reported to mass meetings tomorrow and union officials may meet the company later but, because the company closes on Thursday for the Christmas break, the strike is likely to continue for some time.

The cost of the stoppage has been put at £219 million and production of 38,000 car has been lost. about 8,500 manual workers have been laid off. The strike has also meant the annual pay award estimated to be worth about 9 per cent, has not been paid to the company's 40,500 hourly paid employees.

The union has asked for an independent review of the grading claim with assessors approved by the Advisory Conciliation and Arbitration Service. The company offered a review by two senior Ford managers, with an independent chairman and overseen by a union representative.

● General Motors sales in Britain of Vauxhall and Opel cars will reach an all-time record this year. The company will challenge Austin Rover for second place to Ford's market leadership next year.

More than 282,000 cars would be sold this year, representing 16 per cent of the total car market.

Benefits strike ends, but pensioners must wait for cash

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

The remaining 350 striking computer staff at offices of the Department of Health and Social Security in the Northeast voted to negotiate a return to work at a rancorous meeting in Newcastle-upon-Tyne yesterday.

Negotiations to end the seven and a half month long dispute, which has cost the government at least £85 milliion, are expected to begin this week, with a return to work in the new year.

The decision to end the strike, which has affected payments to millions of recipients of pensions, child benefit and other social security payments, came after the executive of the Civil and Public Services Association decided that there was no support for extending the action.

A unanimous vote of no confidence was passed in the executive at yesterday's mass meeting, and Mr Alistair Graham, the union's general secretary, was heckled and called a Judas as he left. The strikers refused to let executive members and officials address the meeting.

Mr Barry Fuge, *militant* chairman of the Newcastle branch, said he and others would be working to ensure that Mr Graham was not re-elected.

Mr -Graham said that he believed the strikers had been made a reasonable offer over changes in shift working that the DHSS says would save £700,000 a year.

With certain conditions, the management has offered no loss of earnings from the shift changes for three years, while Civil Service rules normally provide only four weeks' protection.

The dispute has resulted in the recruitment of about 5,000 extra civil servants and postponement of the clousre of scores of Post Offices to cope with the queues the strike has created. The Post Office and DHSS have still to settle the final bill for that, and civil service unions believe the strike has cost well over £100 million.

Assuming that the return to work goes smoothly, DHSS will face months of work to clear the backlog. A spokesman said that all 4,000,000 child benefit recipients should have up-to-date order books by mid to late February, but it would take until June of next year for all 7 million pensioners paid on order books to receive new ones.

Payments for many benefits have had to be made at "safe" rates because national insurance *contribution records have not* been available, and both over and under payments will have been made. Official statistics have not been run on the Newcastle computer and 90,000 civil service staff and DHSS ministers, have been being paid at "safe" rates since May.

More cash for heart transplant programme

By Our Social Services Correspondent

Extra cash for heart and liver transplants was announced yesterday by the Government in allocations that should safeguard the heart transplant programme until *April* 1986.

Mr Kenneth Clarke, Minister for Health, said Papworth Hospital in Cambridgeshire and Harefield Hospital in Middlesex would each receive another £150,000 this year on top of the £218,000 they have each already received for 1984.

Next year each hospital's allocation is to be roughly doubled to £800,000. The future of the heart transplant programme after that date will depend on an assessment of the costs and benefits of heart transplantation.

A three year study carried out at Brunel University has just been delivered to ministers. It is believed to show that costs are falling and life expectancy improving. The report, to be published in the new year, has been referred to the Standing Medical Advisory Committee and the Transplant Advisory Panel for comment, but Department of Health officials say its conclusions "seem favourable".

Announcing the allocations, Mr Clarke said extra money had been made available this year "become of the increase in the number of patients being referred for heart transplantation and the improved availability of donor hearts".

So far this year, according to Department of Health figures, 118 heart transplants have been carried out at the two hospitals, compared to 54 last year but both hospitals had run short of funds. Decisions on funding heart transplantation after April 1986 would "depend upon our deliberations on the place of heart transplantation in the NHS in the longer term", Mr Clarke said.

In this financial year £198,000 is being given to the paediatric liver transplant unit at Addenbrooke's Hospital in Cambridge. Where Ben Hardwick, aged two, had a liver transplant earlier this year. The money will keep going at least for the time being, an intensive care room for children who receive liver transplants which viewwers' of BBC's *That's Life* raised £100,000 to equip.

The Department of Health said the decision would mean nine children aged under 16 *should receive liver transplants* in the current financial year. The future of liver transplants is being considered by the Supra-Regional Services Advisory Group.



The Archbishop of Canterbury, and Mr Terry Waite, with Mrs Pat Plummer and her children (from left to right) Ross, Catherine and Christopher. (Photograph: Bill Warhurst).

Move to help Britons in Libya

By Richard Dowden

Britain may allow more Libyans to come here as a gesture to encourage Colonel Gaddafi, the Libyan leader, to release the four Britons detained in Libya since May.

Mr Terry Waite, the Arch*bishop of Canterbury's overseas* adviser, is due to fly to Tripoli today and it is understood that, after talks with the Foreign Office, he is returning there with something more substantial to offer than when he went in November.

Mr Waite said yesterday he was taking greetings and gifts to the detainees from their families, but he would also meet senior Libyan officials to discuss the release of the Britons.

Britain remains firm on the refusal to barter the Britons' *freedom for the four Libyans* facing bombing charges in Britain, but may be willing to allow more Libyans into Britain and to resume issuing visas to Libyans in Tripoli.

The Foreign Office said Mr Waite had been briefed, but that he was not carrying any message from the Government to Colonel Gaddafi.

Mr Waite, who secured the release of British and Iranian *Anglicans in Iran in 1980*, yesterday met the relatives of three of the four Britons held in Libya and was given letters and presents to take to the men.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, also spoke with the relatives and told them he fully supported Mr Waite's visit.

But Mrs Pat Plummer, one of the relatives, asked: "If the church can send someone to try and get the men back, why can't the Government send someone too?"

Her husband, Robin, a British Telecom technician, was arrested in April when he made a U-turn in his car in front of a university. He has not yet been charged.

Mrs Carol Russell, the wife of Alan Russell, a teacher arrested in May, said she had asked the Foreign Office for financial assistance to visit her husband.

She had very little to live on and two of her four children were *still at home*.

The Foreign Office refused, but she was given some money by the Church of England to fly out to see her husband.

Mr Russell is due to appear in court again this Thursday facing charges of espionage.

The four men are still kept in a house together although two, Mr Malcolm Anderson and Mr Russell, have been charged. Yesterday Mrs Plummer, Mrs Russell and Miss Mary Berdinner, the sister of Michael Berdinner, the *fourth* Briton detained, brought letters and *presents for the men to* Lambeth Palace to give to Mr Waite.

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Derbyshire police end anti-drink campaign

The police force in Derbyshire has abandoned its Christmas campaign against drinking and driving in favour of a policy of "trust the motorist" (Craig Seton writes).

Derbyshire was the first force to announce special patrols in 1978 and other forces followed. In the previous year 11 people had died on the county's roads, most of them in accidents in which drinking had played a part.

There have been no Christmas fatalities in the county for the past two years and last year only 48 motorists out of 1,200 stopped were prosecuted for drink-driving offences.

● Lancashire police have spurned the Ministry of Transport's low-profile anti-drink and drive campaign. Instead of advising drivers to "Stay low" they are distributing their own posters with the slogan "Drive Alive into 1985".

Fire brigade investigation

The fire brigade is investigating alleged irregularities in overtime and expenses claims involving 12 trade union representatives at stations in South-west London.

The men are all working firemen and, as station representives of the Fire Brigades Union, receive overtime and expenses for union activities outside normal shift duties. The men have not been suspended. Inquiries are expected to last several weeks.

Two admit sex torture of girl, 15

Edward Burke and Susan Jones, of Porth Rhondda Valley, kidnapped a girl aged 15 and submitting her to two hours of sexual torture, Cardiff Crown Court was told yesterday.

The couple, who admitted rape, indecent assault, abduction, kidnapping and buggery charges, will be sentenced today.

Thermometer theft charge

Kenneth Coulbeck, aged 25, of Lord Street, Grimsby and Len Elliott, aged 19, of Haven Avenue, Grimsby, appeared before Grimsby magistrates yesterday, charged with stealing a thermometer from Boots.

They were remanded in custody. Two juveniles were put in the care of the local authority.

Police constable is acquitted

Police Constable Harrison Westgarth, aged 29, was yesterday acquitted at Southwark Crown Court of attacking a schoolboy with a truncheon.

PC Westgarth, of Holloway police station, north London, denied striking the boy on the head while two other officers allegedly held the boy down after being called to a brawl in Wdmore Road, Upper Holloway, in July 1982.

More choose polytechnics

The proportion of students going to polytechnics increased again this year by 4.4 per cent over last year's figure, with almost three-quarters embarking on first degree courses.

Nearly 150,000 students enrolled on full-time and sandwich courses in October 1984, with enrolments up for courses in applied science, engineering, mathematics and technology.

W H Smith will sell Private Eye

W. H. Smith, Britain's biggest newsagent, which has boycotted the satirical magazine *Private Eye* for 23 years, is to handle its distribution in the new year.

It had refused to sell the magazine "on legal advice" and for fear of having to meet libel damages as the distributor of *Private Eye*, which expects to increase its print run by 100,000 copies.

The miners' strike

NUM to contest rule change tomorrow

By Craig Seton

The National Union of Mineworkers goes to the High Court tomorrow in an attempt to prevent working Nottinghamshire miners voting for a rule change which would end their subordination to the union's national executive.

The union's court action comes onbly 24 hours before a meeting of the Nottinghamshire area council in Mansfield at which mandated delegates are expected to approve the rule change by more than the required two-thirds majority. At least 28 of the 31 branches in the coalfielf have voted in favour of the change.

The NUM case will be that the Nottinghamshire area is not entitled to remove Rule 30, which states that where there is a conflict between area rules and national rules "the rules of the national union shall apply".

The NUM case is being supported in court by two Nottinghamshire miners, Mr Geoffrey Spencer, who returned to work some months ago but is now off sick, and Mr Jim Dowen, a striking miner. Both are from Clipstone Colliery, near Mansfield.

The move to change the rules in Nottinghamshire, where the vast majority of 30,000 miners are working, came after fears that moderate officials and members could face harsh disciplinary action by the National executive for abandoning the strike.

It has been condemned by Mr Peter Heathfield, the NUM general secretary and bt Mr Henry Richardson, the Nottinghamshire secretary, who said it would be seen as an attempt to form a breakaway union "by the back door".

But members of the Nottinghamshire executive intend to contest tomorrow's High Court action. One said: "We are ready to take whatever they can throw at us."

Less clear-cut on Thursday will be a decision on the future of the miners' overtime ban in Nottinghamshire. Moves to have it called off are being resisted in some quarters by officials who say it was imposed in accordance with the union's rules.

● Mr John Paul Getty II who gave £100,000 last month to relieve hardship among striking miners, has now given £120,000 to relieve hardship among intimidated working pitmen.

The gift was confirmed by the *London accountants Deloitte* Haskins.

Among those who will benefit are Michael Fletcher, the Yorkshire miner who was severely beaten inside his home at Castleford, and Stuart Spencer, whose bungalow in the village of Upton near by was badly damaged by fire.

● Britain's 55 opencast mines, which have been supplying coal to hospitals, schools and the needy during the dispute, face shutdown in the new year, after the coal board sent in three working NUM miners to drive out coal lorries from the Benbain site in Ayrshire and opencast workers belonging to the Transport and General Workers' Union refused to load lorries.

● Police were investigating a fire at the home of Mr Charles Mann, of Fauldhouse, West Lothian, a striking miner who has said he is considering returning to work.

● The Labour-controlled Nottinghamshire county council has decided to feed the families of the minority of striking miners in the county during Christmas.

● One man was arrested yesterday when 500 trade unionists from all over the Midlands picketed, largely peacefully, outside Lea Hall Colliery in Staffordshire.

● The three-month-old baby of a working miner in the Selby coalfield narrowly escaped death when a manhole cover was thrown at the window of their home, the police said.

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A woman's place is in the House

By Anthony Bevins
Political Correspondent

Mr Neil Kinnock believes that about half of the MPs at Westminster should be women, and he wants the Labour Party to accelerate the process under which there will be a larger number of women and the introduction of black MPs on to the Opposition benches.

The Labour leader says in an interview on Thames Television's *Hot Seat* tonight: "There won't be enough women MPs until it's something like half the House of Commons, and we are spending a great deal of time in thinking of ways in which we can actually increase the number.

"I would like to see more black MPs. I think that the time has long been due when the ethnic minority communities should be represented by some of their number in the House of Commons. It will come in any case, I would just like to accelerate the process somehow. But it has beaten a lot of good minds who try to think of ways in which to ensure that there are a larger number of women and larger number of black people."

Mr Kinnock also says that he admires Mrs Thatcher for becoming, as a woman, the head of government. "I think that's a cause for admiration," he says.

Ther are 25 women MPs in the Commons, out of 650 members.

Environmental cooperation keynote of talks

By John Young

Enviroment ministers from six of the world's leading industrial nations met in London yesterday for what was described as an informal meeting to discuss greater cooperation on environmental and economic policies.

Ministers from Britain, the United States, Canada, Japan, West Germany and Italy discussed topics including the disaster at Bhopal in India and problems over the transfer of technology or hazardous chemicals to developing countries.

Other topics were acid depostion, dangersto the stratospheric ozone layer, the effect on climat of rising levels of carbon dioxide, and the management of toxic chemicals and hazardous wastes.

Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for refusing to give a firm target for acid rain reduction. France did not attend the meeting. Mr Jenkin said President Mitterrand believed matters of particular concern to the seven countries could only be discussed at head of state level but Frances absence had been regretted.



Christmas shopping: Mr Douglas Hurd, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, at a store in Belfast yesterday.

Armed man shot dead after Ulster blast

From Richard Ford, Belfast

An armed man was shot dead and another captured by police yesterday in co Armagh, minutes after a landmine explosion injured seven Ulster Defence Regiment soldiers.

A Royal Ulster Constabulary police car travelling on a road nearby heard the blast of the bomb which had been hidden in a culvert. The officers jumped from their vehicle and saw the two armed men fleeing across the Armagh countryside.

As the seven UDR members crawled from the wreckage of the vehicles the police gave chase, killing one of the armed men and capturing the other.

Two loaded guns, ammunition and a grenade were *found. It is not thought that* either man fired at the persuing police.

Last night one solder was seriously ill and another in a serious condition in hospital. The five others were recovering from less serious injuries.

Police described it as a "most remarkable coincidence" that they were within yards of the explosion near the village of Blackwatertown on the borders of co Armagh and co Tyrone.

Yesterday's incident came as the Provisional IRA said they feared one of their volunteers had deowned or died from exposure while escaping from a gun battle between them and the SAS two weeks ago in co Fermanagh.

A soldier and another IRA man died in the shooting and the Provisionals say the missing man was last seen about to enter the Bannagh river to flee across the border into co Donegal.

Tories fare worst in local polls

By Hugh Clayton
Local Government Correspondent

Conservatives fared worse than the other main parties in council by-elections in Britain over the past six months, according to a survey to be published in the *Local Government Chronicle* on Friday.

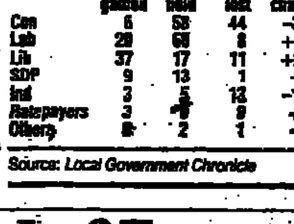
The survey said to be the most complete available, is based on figures sent by local returning officers to staff at the department of social and political studies in Plymouth Polytechnic.

The results suggest that the trend set in the English and Scottish council elections in May has continued throughout Britain. The Liberals made the largest number of gains.

Independent councillors continued to be replaced by successors with party labels and the Social Democrats increased their small number of councillors. Results from the beginning of June to December 6 produced a net loss of 38 seats for the Conservatives and net gains of 12 and 26 for Labour and Liberals respectively.

Last month the Liberals gained a seat from Labour on Liverpool City Council and one from the Conservatives on Surrey County Council.

"The Liberals continue to reinforce the point that where local parties are prepared to campaign hard in specific localities, there are seats to be won," the survey report says.



Council election results

	gained	held	lost	change
Con	6	58	44	−38
Lab	20	68	8	+12
Lib	37	17	11	+26
SDP	9	13	1	+8
Ind	3	5	13	−10
Ratepayers	3	[illegible]	0	+3
Others	0	2	1	−1

Source: *Local Government Chronicle*

UK refuses to collect dairy fines

The Government will defy the EEC by refusing to collect fines imposed on British dairy farmers who have exceeded their 1984 milk quotas.

It was given the task of collecting more than £1½ million in fines from British producers who have not reduced production.

The Prime Minister took the decision to delay payments indefinitely because she and her Cabinet colleagues were not satisfied that other EEC countries were serious in their efforts to cut dairy production.

Mr Michael Jopling, Minister of Agriculture, made it clear yesterday that the fines have not been collected and no attempt will be made to gather the money until the Government is convinced that the scheme is being operated in the same way throughout Europe.

● Mr Malcolm Stewart, publicity spokesman for the Dyfed Action Group of Welsh dairy farmers, has been expelled because of his opposition to its involvement with the Welsh nationalist party, Plaid Cymru (John Young, Agriculture Correspondent, writes).

The group has been at the forefront of protest against the imposition of EEC milk quotas and sent delegations to several of this year's agricultural shows. It has also mounted barricades at ports, intended to prevent the import of foreign dairy products.

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Pope's British visit cost church £7m

By Clifford Longley
Religious Affairs Correspondent

The Pope's visit to Britain in 1982 cost the Roman Catholic Church nearly £7 million, according to the accounts of the company, *Papal Visit Ltd*, being filed at Companies House this week.

The franchise licensing arrangement on souvenirs, run in conjunction with IMG (International Management Group), raised only £250,000, the accounts show.

The church authoities had hoped for about £1 million from souvenirs. The total cost of the visit borne by the church, £6,650,267, was however, within a few thousand pounds o the estimate made in 1981. Mgr Ralph Brown, chief organiser of the visit, said this was "a total fluke".

The balance of the money was raised by church collections before and after the visit. Almost the only asset left to Papal Visit Ltd is one of the four "popemobile" vehicles specially built by British Leyland, which is being considered for conversion to a mobile operating theatre.

Two were returned to BL for recycling and a third given to the Pope as a present.

The church paid for the policing the "enclosed" events but not for policing the public areas. Nevertheless, five figure sums were claimed by various police authorities, including £280,000 for Warwick Constabulary's attendance in Coventry on Whit Sunday 1982.

Mgr Brown said the deal with IMG had been of considerable help to the church, though probably nt profitable to IMG.

The company's accounts were audited by Price Waterhouse, who report: "The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend."

Sale Room

English porcelain gains firmer price footing

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

English porcelain had one of its best days in the sale room for a long while yesterday with prices bouncing back and showing a substantial advance on the 1970s.

An elegant Worcester milk jug with a decoration of exotic birds on a yellow-scale ground made £9,180 (estimate £3,500-£5,000). It was last seen at auction in October 1974 when it sold for £2,600.

Several of the pieces for sale went through the London auction rooms in the mid-1970s and most prices had multiplied by two or three times. A Chelsea octagonal teabowl and saucer, decorated in puce with little battle scenes in the manner of O'Neale, was up from £1,760 in February 1976 to £2,808.

The biggest price increase was for a pair of Longton Hall peony dishes, dated at about 1755, which made £440 at Christie's in December 1975 and yesterday sold for £3,456. The sale totalled £190,306 with five per cent unsold.

Sotheby's sale of English illustrated books contained a rare copy of Edward Young's *Night Thoughts* with pictorial borders engraved by William Blake and coloured by hand; probably by Blake himself. It made £13,750 (estimate £10,000-£15,000). The sale totalled £180,774 with three per cent unsold.

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Marie Payne was fatal victim of a persistent child molester

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

Marie Payne, aged four met her death in a forest glade one March afternoon last year. She was probably dead before anyone knew she was missing.

Colin Evans, jailed for at least 30 years yesterday for her murder, was a persistent sexual offender against children. He had 13 convictions.

A man convicted of assaulting his own daughter, Evans was to become a child-minder. He was at liberty to kill Marie Payne when he should have been in prison. He remained free for 13 months after her death although he had links with the girl's home area.

Marie Payne vanished on March 11 last year. She was last seen playing near home in Gorsebrook Road, Dagenham, Essex.

There were several "sightings" of her but no concrete clues to whether she was alive or dead.

In October last year, seven months later, some of her clothes were discovered nine miles from her home in the centre of Epping Forest. Police were now dealing with a probable murder but there was still no body.

But on at 11.45 on the morning of May 6 this year a new suspect emerged.

In Rainham, Essex, a man wearing a straw-coloured wig and driving a yellow Avenger tried to persude two girls aged seven and nine to go with him in his car.

At 1.45 pm at Ilford, a few miles further west, a man driving a yellow Avenger tried to tempt two girls aged three and five, into his car. Their father rescued them. The man fled but the father took a registration number: HJB 821 N.

Forty-five minutes later in Stepney the man walked up to a girl aged 6 playing outside a block of flats and tried to drag her into his car. Her screams alerted neighbours and the man vanished.

Ilford police checked the registration and found a driver in Middlesbrough. His alibi was eventually confirmed.

In the meantime details of the attacks had been sent to all forces including Leith, near Edinburgh, where the teams investigating the murders of Caroline Hogg and Susan Maxwell had their headquarters.

> 'Can't you take me outside and hang me?' – Evans

One Leith officer, Detective Constable Baxter McPherson, noticed that witnesses sometimes transpose the last figures of registration numbers.

Playing with the number on his keyboard he found that HJB 812N was a yellow Avenger. It belonged to Evans, living in Reading, Berkshire. Evans had a list of convictions.

The Ilford police asked Reading police to hold Evans. As a matter of course they also told the Marie Payne incident room a few miles away what had happened.

A detective sergeant drove to Reading and started searching Evans's flat. Tucked inside the sleeve of a record on an old-fashioned radiogram were some negatives.

The detective took off the back of the radiogram and found 160 pictures of children. A series of nine seemed to be of a dead little girl who looked similar to Marie Payne.

Despite hours of questioning Evans refused to budge. Then Det. Superintendent David Little, leading the inquiry, tried talking to him alone and pondered aloud how sad it was for Marie Payne's parents that their daughter might never be properly buried.

Evans suddenly replied: "You will never know what has been going through my mind since that day. When I woke up the next day I could have killed myself. Can't you take me outside and hang me?"

According to Evans on the day Marie Payne died he went to see his mother, who lived near the Payne family. Finding his mother was out he bought some food and sat in his car eating, when Marie came along with her dog.

The child was induced to enter the car and Evans drove to the forest. He took some pictures, but the child started to cry. Evans hit her with a piece of wood.

He stripped her and buried the body in a shallow grave, hiding the clothes nearby. When he discovered a fault on the camera had ruined the pictures he drove back to Epping two days later.

While hundreds of volunteers were combing the forest three miles away Evans uncovered the body, photographed and mutilated it. He then hid it again.

The morning after his confession Evans took the police to the spot and uncovered the remains of Marie Payne, her skull split by a long crack.

Evans, born in Barking in 1939, was the subject of three psychiatric reports but he is not deemed mad. He has been described as mentally ill. He has attributed his sexual drive to an incident when he was a boy.

A man whose intelligence is close to the top ten per cent in the country, Evans, complained to the police of days when his actions and desires were uncontrollable.

Asked what might have happened on May 6 he said: "To be absolutely honest I don't know what was in my mind".

'Disgusting' record of crimes

Colin Evans was first convicted when he was 27 years old and a bus driver in east London.

At the Central Criminal Court in 1966 he was fined £10 on each of three counts of assaulting children after taking them to a forested area near his Barking home.

Four years later, now a married man with a daughter, he was sentenced to ten years by Essex Quarter Sessions, for six offences against children. One of the victims was his own child. His marriage collapsed.

He received drug treatment to change his sex drive, but it was abandoned because of side effects. He was released in 1975.

In 1978 Evans was sent to prison for three years for assaulting a nine-year-old spastic girl. Two other cases were taken into account.

In 1980, nine months after his release he was back before Reading Crown Court, accused of indecent assault on a girl of 12.

Judge Hilliard gave him six months and told him he had a "disgusting" record but the judge could consider only the case before him.

Late last year Reading magistrates fined him £200 for writing to the parents of children he had assaulted, demanding access to the children.

Victim and attacker: Marie Payne and Colin Evans.

Babysitter's sinister secret

The probation service in Berkshire supervised Evans after he was released on licence in 1975 and in 1980 he again received help.

He was in touch with a probation officer, Mr Peter Southerton, who was also deputy chairman of the Reading section of Toc H, the Christian charity. He was given the job of organizing work for members.

Toc H worked with the social services department and early in 1982 Evans became the childminder for a family of three children over a period of two months. In June 1982 he was arrested and charged with assaulting two of them. During the hearing the court was told the family did not know of Evans's record.

A senior source at Berkshire County Council said that the social services had never been told of Evans's background. The social worker who introduced him as a babysitter had been mistaken, assuming he was himself a babysitter instead of the man who organized the service.

According to the Probation Service Toc H was not told of Evans's background either.

One senior official of the local probation service said that there had been a "messy tangle of overlapping responsibilities". The issue of Evans involved "the whole area of how the community deals with dangerous people". A probation officer had been disciplined.

Evans was acquitted of the assaults in November 1982, four months before Marie Payne was killed.

In a statement yesterday Berkshire County Council said that its social services department had asked Toc H for help with various jobs and said that very prompt action had been taken when concern was raised over Evans's activities. The council said that in introducing Evans to two families as a babysitter a social worker had broken council policy.

The principal social worker wrote to Evans spelling out policy that volunteers offering to help families with children known to the department had to have references cleared by the police.

A social worker had broken this policy because Evans had been introduced as person of status "within a very reputable organization".

How Evans slipped the police net

The detectives investigating the death of Marie Payne knew nothing of Evans

In 1967, a year after Evans's first offence near the Paynes' area, a new collating system for sexual offenders was started. Under the system the force which arrests the offender keeps a card on him or her and if the offender moves it passes on details to the police in the area where the offender lives.

When Evans was convicted in Essex in 1970 a record was kept and when he settled in Reading the local police force knew about him. He was not known as an offender in London because he had missed the system by a year.

He was arrested by Thames Valley police six weeks after the disappearance of Marie Payne for an offence against a girl

By the time he appeared in court last November – eventually to be acquitted – the clothing had been discovered in Epping Forest. Still no one questioned him.

They would have done if the London police had not been led into a crucial mistake early in the inquiry. They had 19 witnesses who knew – Marie and placed her in the area near her home between 2 and 5pm. They also had one man aged 84 who saw a yellow car parked in Gorsebrook Road just before 2pm with a man inside eating food. The old man could not enlarge his description.

The records in the Marie Payne incident room were based on the traditional card index. In retrospect, there is a feeling that a computer should have been brought in.



An anxious moment for Joe Turi, a trick rider, during an exhibition round at the Olympia International Showjumping Championships at Olympia, west London, yesterday. (Photograph: Chris Cole).

Private health fees to rise

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

Subscribers to private health insurance face further steep increases in premiums from January 1, well above the rate of inflation.

Attempts by the provident associations to control the increasing cost of private medicine have so far had only a limited impact. Hospital charges are continuing to rise to offset the costs of empty beds in the private sector.

British United Provident Association (BUPA), with over 70 per cent of the health insurance market, is raising subscriptions by between 7 and 15 per cent from January 1. Private Patients Plan (PPP) is introducing increases averaging between 9 and 11 per cent, with a maximum increase of 15 per cent.

However, the associations now review their subscription rates twice a year, so annual increases are running at between 12 and 23 per cent a year at a time when inflation is about 5 per cent.

BUPA puts the subscription increase over the year for most of its subscribers at an average of 12 to 14 per cent. For a married man, aged 49, with a wife and two children, cover for most independent hospitals and health service teaching hospitals outside London will now cost £487 a year and £748 in London, before discounts. The equivalent charges for broadly similar cover from PPP would be £479 and £765 a year, also before discounts.

The steepest BUPA increase in January is for London subscribers aged over 65. Their rates will rise be 15 per cent to £1,292 for a married couple.

With two months' figures still to come for this year, BUPA estimates that market growth will be between 4 and 5 per cent and PPP puts the figure at between 3 and 4 per cent. That will take the total number of people holding private health insurance to about 4.7 million.

Jailing prostitutes 'the only deterrent'

The abolition of imprisonment for soliciting has removed the only effective deterrent to the offence, the Prosecuting Solicitors' Society of England and Wales said yesterday.

Many, if not all, prostitutes regard paying fines for soliciting as "no more than a necessary business expense," it says, in its submission on the Criminal Law Revision Committee report on street prostitution.

"Any chance of deterring women from a life of prostitution by the fear of imprisonment, slight though it may have been, has now wholly disappeared."

Instead the law was in danger, if it had not already done so, of driving women into prostitution and subsequently into prison for failing to pay the large fines, now imposed for soliciting.

These prison terms were longer than those which used to imposed when imprisonment was a penalty. Now the law's only deterrant effect was to keep prostitutes off the streets for the hour or so while they are being arrested, charged and bailed.

To protect the law from comtempt, many magistrates' benches had implemented steeply rising scales of fines. But this meant persistent offender might find themselves with heavy debts which they could not discharge lawfully or even by further prostitution.

The law was therfore in danger, if it had not already done so, of actualy driving women into prostitution and subsequently into prison for non-payment of fines for longer periods than used to be imposed when imprisonment was a penalty, it says.

The society apprecites that it is too early to reopen the debate on whether imprisonment for repeated soliciting should remain a sanction. But it would not be representing the everday experience of its members in magistrates' courts if it did not make plain its view of the consequences of its intention.

The society criticizes proposals to create separate offences for soliciting and "kerb-crawling" and regrets that there is not one offences proposed for prostitution whether by men or women, clients or not suppliers.

It also says that there should be one standard of proof for kerb-crawling by men and for accosting women for sexual purposes on foot.

Best goes to jail after judge rejects appeal

George Best, the former footballer international, failed yesterday in his appeal against a three-month jail sentence for drink-driving and assaulting a policeman.

After Judge Butler, QC, rejected the appeal at Southwark Crown Court Best was taken into custody.

Best claimed that the sentence passed by the Bow Street magistrate was too severe.

His counsel, Mr Philip Havers told the judge Best was "extremely remorseful", had receceived "a very nasty shock" and appeared to have learnt his lesson.

Judge Butler said Best drove in central London with more than three times the permitted level of alcohol. He had a previous similar conviction. He added: "It must be understood that those who assault police officers must expect an immediate custodial sentence."

Cabinet experts to study cable TV problems

By Bill Johnstone

Cabinet Office technology experts are to study the British cable television industry again in the new year and highlight the problems of the last six months which have seriously retarded the industry's progress.

The Information Technology Advisory Panel three years ago advised the Government to approve the expansion of cable in Britain and assist in introducing multichannel cable television.

Twenty entertainment channels were to create enough income to subsidise about 12 information/consumer channels

The industry has, however, undergone a big upheaval in the last six months. Of the two firmest proponents of cable expansion, Visionhire has said it is pulling out of cable and the Rediffusion cable network has been sold by BET to Mr Robert Maxwell's Pergamon Press.

Seven years for teacher supplying drugs

A schoolteacher was jailed for seven years yesterday for supplying LSD which led to the death of a boy aged 16 who fell from a block of flats. The judge told Richard Catherwood: "You are a danger to young people."

The sentence was criticised as too light by the father of Lee Sawyer, the boy who died.

Mr Peter Sawyer said: "It is daft, it is silly. He will be out in five years and will be peddling death on the streets again."

He said the "poisonous seed" Catherwood had laid would still claim victims "when he is not there".

After the case at Inner London Crown Court Det Insp Graham Collins praised the "courage and guts" of six young men "who saw one of their friends killed through drugs" and had given evidence against Catherwood.

Judge Suzanne Norwood jailed Catherwood, aged 40, for seven years for supplying cannabis to a juvenile and for possessing cannabis with intent to supply. He was jailed for three years for supplying another youth with cannabis, the sentences to run concurrently.

Catherwood, had admitted two charges of possessing drugs and one of supplying cannabis and was found guilty of four further drugs charges and cleared of another three, one on the direction of the judge.

Judge Norwood accepted that Catherwood did not sell drug to his pupils, but it was still "an exceptionally grave offence" because he sold drugs to some schoolchildren and to people who got to know him because he was a teacher.

The court heard that young people, including schoolchildren, flocked to Catherwood's home in Melbourne Grove, east Dulwich, south London.

He had made five previous court appearances on charges.

In 1979, he joined Inner London Education Authority as a supply teacher and had worked at ten schools since 1982. He had not been required to declare his previous convictions in 1979, but since 1981 new teaching applicants had been obliged to do so.

Van driver kidnapped in £30,000 bullion raid

About £30,000 worth of precious metals was stolen during a bullion van hijacking in Bristol yesterday in which the driver was kidnapped and dumped 100 miles away.

The driver aged 40, was taking the van out of the yard of the bullion delivery firm, of Scadlynn, in Bristol, when two men in another vehicle forced him to stop.

The man was then bound and blindfolded and driven to the Heston service station on the M4 near Heathrow where he was found unhurt more than four hours after the highjacking. The van was found without its cargo.

Police could not say whether any gold had been on board, but said silver was among the precious metals stolen.

Police led by Det Chief Supt Alan Elliott of Avon police appealed for information.

Police fined for taking bribes

Two policemen serving as coroner's officers at Battersea, south London were fined at the Central Criminal Court yesterday for taking bribes from undertakers for recommending them to remove a body. Anthony Kirkham, aged 50, of Dukes Avenue, New Malden, south Malden, was fined £250 and ordered to pay £250 legal costs.

John Hale, aged 51, of Grandison Road, Worcester Park, south London, was fined £150, with £500 costs. A third coroner's officer, Alan Lover, aged 46, of Montagu Gardens, Wallington, who served at Croydon coroner's court, was cleared of similar charges.

Record flight

An RAF Nimrod reconnaissance aircraft has flown 16,000 miles to the Falklands and back in a record time of 38½ hours. The flight from Kinloss was broken by a stop at Ascension Island

Nolan conscious

Mike Nolan, the Bucks Fizz singer, yesterday regained consciousness and whispered to a friend, Jimmy O'Reilly: "I'm all right". Newcastle General Hospital has taken Mr Nolan off the critical list.

Sunday fine

W. H. Smith, which has announced that it will no longer defy Sunday trading laws, was fined £15 yesterday by magistrates in London for selling a music cassette at its Kensington High Street branch on Sunday, November 18.

House repairs

The National Trust is to restore Wordsworth House, the Georgian birthplace of William Wordsworth in Cockermouth, Cumbria, at a cost of £10,000 between now and February.

Writer's appeal

The Court of Appeal will today review the nine-month jail sentence imposed last week on Helen Hough, the novelist who admitted helping an old woman to commit suicide.

Eye operation ends lifetime in the dark

A grandmother registered blind since childhood, was rejoicing in the perfect Christmas present yesterday after an operation enabled her to see clearly for the first time.

Mrs Sylvia Duxbury, aged 63, an albino, who said that before surgery she had a glimmer of light in one eye and could pick out vague shadows, had artificial lenses implanted in the back of both eyes.

Now she can see clearly her husband, Tom, aged 65, her two daughters, Pat and Yvonne and her six grandchildren for the first time.

"What little sight I had was getting worse all the time and I knew this operation was my only chance," she said.

On seeing her husband who she married 42 years ago, she said: "He was even better looking than I thought".

Mr Ynis Kan, an eye surgeon, carried out the operation at St Woolos Hospital, Newport, South Wales, but warned Mrs Duxbury that there was no guarantee it would work because of her rare condition.

"When Mr Khan took off the bandages, I could see his face quite clearly. I thought how handsome he was. It was fantastic. I was so excited I jumped straight out of bed and ran down the corridor.

"I was just like an excited child," Mrs Duxbury, of Sickert Close, Newport, said.

Mr Khan said: "I expected her to be able to see something, but it has been more of a success than I thought since she can see properly.

"I doubt if I will ever perform another operation like this again in my life."

Few solicitors take advantage of freedom to advertise

By Our Legal Affairs Correspondent

Fewer than 5 per cent of solicitors in England and Wales are estimated to have taken advantage of the freedom to advertise under rules which came into force on October 1.

No official figures have been collated, but early impressions are that the response has been lukewarm with an estimated 200 of the 7,500 firms advertising in the press and a small number on radio.

Miss Nicola Watkins, a Law Society spokesman who has been monitoring the advertising, said it was too early to form any conclusions. But she added: "My early impression however, is that there has been far more advertising in the North of England than in the South, perhaps because there is more competition among northern firms."

The main aim was "to increase public awareness of a firm's existence" rather than to bring in an immediate flux of clients and that aim could only be assessed after some months, she said.

But among solicitors who have advertised, reaction as to its success is mixed. Cardales, a firm with offices in London and Surrey, which jumped in at the deep end with a radio jingle to the tune of American blues, are pleased with results, and say they "exceeded expectations".

A partner said: "The radio advertising was quite encouraging in terms of name awareness. But the advertising in four local newspapers has been an unqualified success with perhaps 15 to 20 clients coming along as a direct result.

Mr Percy Richer, of Upton, Britton and Lumb of Streatham, south London who claims he was the first solicitor to advertise, – on London Broadcasting radio – just after midnight on October 1, was less enthusiastic, however. Fifty inquiries had resulted in only two or three clients. The spin-off, was in long term public relations, he said.

Mr Graham Platt, of Donn and Company in Manchester, which used local radio jingles, said it had been successful in terms of promoting the firm's name, although there was only one direct inquiry.

● Scotland's 6,000 solicitors are being balloted by post on advertising by individual solicitors, as opposed to the Law Society, after a special request by 53 members of the Scottish Law Society.

A special general meeting of the society on December 20 which was to have considered a change to rules of practice allowing such advertising has therefore been postponed. The Law Society's council has approved advertising in principle by 37 to 2 but there is considerable opposition in some quarters of the profession.

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Scargill demand attacked as absurd

COAL DISPUTE

Repeatedly urged to take steps to bring about negotiations between the National Coal Board and National Union of Mineworkers, Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Energy, reminded Labour MPs over and over again in the Commons that since the dispute began there had been seven sets of negotiations, including an Acas proposal accepted by Nacods, the pit deputies union, and that Mr Scargill, the NUM president, had repeatedly said he had not moved his position at all.

Indeed, Mr Walker pointed out, that morning after a meeting with the TUC, Mr Scargill had repeated his demand and informed the TUC that the NUM was not prepared to allow the closure of any section of the industry, however small. That kind of demand had never been made in the past. It was an absurd demand and one that would do permanent damage to the coal industry.

Reporting on the situation, Mr Walker said coal production was at its highest level since the dispute started and coal stocks at power stations remained similar to the level in August. Of the 174 pits, there were 148 with men present and 66 of these were producing coal. Since November 5, more than 16,500 striking miners had reported for work.

At Friday's meeting with representatives of the TUC, he had expressed the Government's regret that the compromise proposal put forward by Acas and the agreement reached with Nacods, had not provided proposals acceptable to the NUM leadership.

With two of the three mining unions not on strike (he added) and with one-third of the NUM which had a ballot voting overwhelmingly against strike action, the Government regret that the two-thirds of the NUM continuing on strike have been deprived of the opportunity to express their views through a national ballot.

Mr Gerald Howarth (Cannock and Burntwood, C): Will he assure working miners that further talks will not take place unless there is reliable evidence of a fundamental shift in the leadership of the NUM about the future of uneconomic pits?

Mr Walker: I have expressed to the TUC and the mining unions that I am willing to have talks with them at any time. In talks with the TUC on Friday, I made clear that it was impossible to accept the totally unreasonable demand that a pit, however uneconomic, must be kept open until the last ton of coal has been extracted.

Mr Ronald Davies (Caerphilly, Lab): There are parts of the coal mining industry where the strike is solid, and no prospect of it being broken. In view of the increasing doubts about the NCB's accounting figures, will he accept that there has to be negotiations?

Would it not be helpful to instruct Mr MacGregor to withdraw his remarks about pre-conditions and get the parties back around the table?

Mr Walker: There have been seven lots of negotiations. In all of them, including those involving Acas with the compromise proposal. Mr Scargill has constantly stated that he has not moved his position. If Mr Davies wants a settlement he should put pressure on Mr Scargill.

Mr William Hamilton (Central Fife, Lab): Since it is painfully clear every day that there can be no winners and no losers whatever – we are all losers, including the miners – would Mr Walker take the initiative and call together all the sides involved in



Orme: Basis exists for talks to resume

the dispute so long as there is an understanding that there is flexibility on *all* sides before thay start?

Mr Walker: I have difficulty in replying to that in that one side came forward in July with a whole range of new proposals which were a considerable move and showed flexibility. Another mining union went to Acas and agreed the compromise proposals. The TUC said on Friday that negotiations must take place between the two parties concerned.

However, one party has refused to move since March and this emphasizes there will not be a negotiated settlement which is what we all want.

Mr Sydney Chapman (Chipping Barnet, C): Recognizing the intransigence of Mr Scargill and also the understandable fear that there will be no other jobs if a pit closes in the mining communities, could he report progress on the enterprise company set up to encourage alternative industries in uneconomic mining areas?

Mr Walker: The company was set up with the initial capital of £5 million immediately. There were a substantial number of inquiries and I immediately agreed to double the capital. The Government informed the NCB that it was prepared to finance an expansion of their activities on this important work.

Mr Gavin Strang (Edinburgh East, Lab): Why not facilitate negotiations without pre-conditions between the NUM and NCB? Is it not clear that the Government is more concerned to try and inflict defeat on the NUM as part of its assault on the trade union movement rather than secure a negotiated settlement.

Mr Walker: There has been nothing from the TUC and the Labour Party in criticism of the Acas compromise proposal. It is time they persuaded Mr Scargill to accept it.

Mr John Hannam (Exeter, C) said the dispute was rapidly becoming one more about the NUM president than the miners. Mr Walker should commiserate with the TUC which found itself having to negotiate on behalf of a union which refused to budge one inch towards a settlement.

Mr Walker said he could understand the TUC's problems. He was sure from his talks with the TUC that they were anxious that there should be a negotiated settlement as speedily as possible.

He had told union leaders at the Friday talks that there was virtually no other union in the country with an offer available to it as generous as that made to the miners.

Mr Ian Wrigglesworth (Stockton South, SDP) said the only people who would change the views of the NUM leadership were the union members and the NUM executive.

Mr Walker: Some 16,500 union members have returned to work since November 5 and they are having an impact on the thinking.

Mr Richard Douglas (Dunfermline West, Lab): If we take it that his view accords with the TUC view that the only people who will settle the strike are the NUM and the coal board, what deters him from using his good offices to bring these parties together in the forseeable future, because this is a mad strike which must be solved around the table and not by attrition.

Mr Walker: The two sides have met seven times, once under the auspices not of a Tory politician but



Rost: NCB should set deadline

under Acas, who put forward a compromise plan which the NUM leadership refused.

Likewise the leadership of the union has always refused to put the terms on offer to the miners in a ballot.

Mr Tony Benn (Chesterfield, Lab): For over a year since the overtime ban started Mr Walker has come here week after week to tell us that the strike is crumbling. Mr Walker has misled the House and the country and has deceived himself.

His own policy (he continued) is in a shambles (Conservative laughter) and the only conclusion which can be drawn from his refusal to encourage talks is that he and the Cabinet wish the strike to continue. That is the conclusion most miners have drawn.

Mr Walker: Fortunately the conclusion most miners have drawn about Mr Benn is that his rhetoric during the dispute is different from his record as Secretary of State.

On disputes crumbling, I recall it was Mr Benn who told me that coal movements would stop in April, since when 25 million tonnes have been moved.

Mr Peter Rost (Erewash, C) said taxpayers were paying the bills for this senseless strike. They had the right to demand that the board should do what every other private and public enterprise would have had to do by now to contain these losses – announce a deadline for a return to work after which the generous guarantee of a job would no longer be available. When would the board start to manage?

Mr Walker: Coal is one of our most important resources. The industry has a sound and expanding future. He hoped those concerned with the industry's future would want to move back to the potentiality of high investment and good production. He did not want to do anything to damage that prospect.

Mr Peter Hardy (Wentworth, Lab): The NCB chairman is no longer fit to occupy his office, not least because of the pessimistic statement he made when Mr Walker met the trade unions last week.

It is time for Mr Walker to have a further negotiation to achieve a negotiated settlement and suggest to Mr MacGregor that now is the time for an end to the visits to Hobart House by emissaries from the Conservative Party.

Mr Walker replied that the chairman had been through seven lots of negotiations and had accepted the Acas compromise. He had reached the settlement with Nacods, so nobody could accuse Mr MacGregor of inflexibility. One could understand his being pessimistic.

Mr Stanley Orme, Cheif Opposition spokesman on energy: Why did Mr Walker not respond to the TUC? with the accountancey report and the London Business School the basis of uneconomic pits has been challenged. Therefore a basis exists for talks to be resumed.

Why does not Mr Walker play a role in seeing these talks take place instead of waiting another three of four weeks before anything happens?

Mr Walker: The TUC started the talks quite correctly saying they were in no postition to negotiate and we exchanged views on their suggestions.

The TUC's problem was they did not consider anybody could back down before negotiations and therefore it was wrong to suggest the NUM should in any way move before the negotiations. I had to point out to the TUC representatives that there had been seven negotiations at none of which had Mr Scargill backed down.

Review of rules for supervising banks

BANKING

A full review of arrangements for the supervision of banks is to be carried out following the rescue operation of Johnson Matthey Bankers. Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, announced in a statement to the Commons. He said that the Banking Act 1979, which provides the framework of present arrangements, would be included in the review.

In his statement, Mr Lawson said that, having considered with the Bank of England the events leading up to the rescue operation by the Bank on October 1, it was clear that the case raised important issues about present banking supervision procedures and the legislative framework within which supervision was conducted.

He said: The Governor and I have therefore agreed to a full review of the present supervisory arrangements, and to consider whether any early changes in present supervisory procedures are needed.

Issues to which particular attention will be given are the relationship between auditors and supervisors; staff experience and training; the handling of concentrations of risk and the assessment of quality of assets; notification and the collection of statistics; and the adequacy and deployment of staff resources in the Banking Supervision Department.

The review will also consider whether a more effective framework is required than that provided by the 1979 Banking Act.

I shall inform the House as early as possible of the results of the review, including any legislative changes I think necessary.

Mr Roy Hattersley, deputy Leader of the Labour Party and spokesman on Treasury and economic affairs: The most significant fact about that statement is that the Government felt the sudden necessity after 10 weeks to go on record about the affair. No doubt he believes that the



Owen: What is the Chancellor's involvement?

message will be blandly reassuring but the nature of the statement and the fact that he needed to make it will intensify rather than allay fears.

Why had it taken him two months to make the statement?

Does he support the view that the Bank should virtually have nationalized Johnson Matthey at 9.30 one Sunday evening?

Would the review include a thorough-going examination of the 1979 Act, specifically the problems of early warning and whether the Bank and the Government could be sufficiently warned in sufficient time about an impending collapse, and whether the quasi-voluntary system was sufficient or statutory provision was needed.

Were the activities of Price Watehouse spreading too widely across the United Kingdom?

Were Arthur Young McClelland Moores and Co. the accountants who had given the company a clean bill of health as recently as the middle of June, likely to be investigated by the standards body of their profession.

The Governor of the Bank of England is on record (he said) as saying that institutions should stand or fall according to their own performance. Does that apply to companies within the City of London or only to manufacturing industries, allowed by the Government to fall and thereby cause large numbers to be unemployed.

Mr Lawson: As to whether there will be a thorough-going examination of the labour 1979 Act, yes. Many of its provisions will be at the heart of the inquiry. I do not want to prejudge the results but it may be necessary to introduce amendments.

Price Waterhouse have little, if anything to do with the case. The auditors are Arthur Young and the question of the relationship of auditors in this matter and in general the relationship between auditors of banks and the supervisory authority are germane to this inquiry.

The shareholders of the Johnson Matthey parent company had lost three quarters of their money – £250 million and the top management of Johnson Matthey from the Chairman down, had been obliged to resign.

As to why it had taken so long to come to a considered judgement on the best way to look at banking supervision, Mr Hattersley had not asked a single question until the announcement had been made.

Mr Lawson told Mr Terence Higgins (Worthing, C) that the inquiry would be completed as soon as possible, but it was difficult to say how long it would take. It would go into matters of great confidentiality between banks and clients.

Dr David Owen, leader of the SDP: This is not satisfactory. There is contingent liability to public funds of £75 million. It started with no liability; then went to £10 million. Many of us wonder whether it will go above £75 million. Can he confirm that public money is involved because of loss of dividends from the banking department to the Treasury.

On the extent of Mr Lawson's own involvement: He told me in a letter that it was entirely for the Governor of the Bank of England, but the Governor told me that he had been consulted at all stages.

I gather that Sir Peter Middleton (Permanent Secretary, Treasury) was heavily involved at the early stages, and the Chancellor insisted that no public money should be involved. These are serious matters and disturbing events for the City of London. The Chancellor had been complacent.

Mr Lawson: So far from being complacent, I have shown myself very concerned about what appears to me to be positive weaknesses in the banking system which go far beyond the matter which have brought them to light.

The resources concerned were the own resources of the Bank of England.

120 coal faces lost or causing concern

INVESTMENT

Since the start of the coal dispute, 23 production faces and 13 salvage faces have had to be abandoned, 19 faces were giving cause for serious concern and more than 65 faces were causing concern, **Mr David Hunt**, Under-Secretary of State for Energy said during Commons questions.

It was a tragedy that the NUM was putting at risk these pits while its leaders claimed to be fighting to save them. The only way to end the dispute, he added was for miners to vote with their feet and return to work.

The total investment programme of the NCB had been planned at £800 million for this year. The current strike had, however, halted work on many of the coal board's projects, including the Selby coalfield, to the detriment of the future of the industry.

Mr Timothy Eggar (Enfield North, C): Was not the Selby development a signal to mining industry that the Government was committed to its future? Was it not a severe blow that the NUM decided to go ahead with picketing at this coalfield?

Is there nothing the Government can do to try to get further miners back to work so work can continue at Selby despite the actions of the NUM?

Mr Hunt: Everything possible must be done. Since 1979 the Government has invested £3,900 million in the coal industry. That is nearly 50 per cent higher in real terms than investment in the previous five years of Labour Government.

Mr Eric Heffer (Liverpool, Walton, Lab): Is it not time the Government stopped intervening on the side of the NCB and intervened to get a settlement? In view of the Government statement that there could be no negotiations, is not Mr Scargill right that the only way forward now is industrial action by the rest of the working class movement? (Conservative protests).

Mr Hunt: It was noticeable that when Mr Heffer said Mr Scargill was right, there was not one note of agreement throughout the Commons. Before this industrial action started, coal industry had tremendous potential for the future. This is sadly being lost every day the dispute continues.

Mr Derek Foster (Bishop Auckland, Lab): The minister continues to bleat how tragic it is for the industry that the dispute continues. If Conservative MPs are so concerned about the damage, why do not they lift a finger and get the people round the table to solve the dispute?

The Secretary of State is profoundly mistaken if he believes there is any political profit in humiliating the miners or destroying mining communities.

Mr Hunt: The solution did lie with a ballot right at the start of the dispute in accordance with the long established democratic tradition of the NUM. If a ballot had been held there would not have been any need for mass pickets and intimidation and violence. Not one miner would have gone to work.

● Later **Mr David Nellist** (Coventry South East, Lab): said: Selby, in producing 10 million tonnes with 4,000 miners, is designed to replace the equivalent production from 21 pits in the North Yorkshire area which used to employ 16,000 men. Is that not one of the central issues fuelling the miners' anger?

Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Energy: My predecessor in a Labour Government boasted of the enormous contribution it made towards developing Selby. The reason for the dispute is nothing to do with the development of Selby, which is in the interests of the industry.

No possible excuse for wilful damage

VANDALISM

Nearly £500 million worth of investment in the coal industry will have been lost if the miners' strike continues to the end of March. This was the real damage in the dispute, Mr David Hunt, Under Secretary of State for Energy, told the Commons during exchanges on vandalism against National Coal Board property.

Mr Hunt said he deplored the malicious acts of vandalism which were being carried out against NCB property during the strike. They could only damage further the prospects for the industry.

Mr Piers Merchant (Newcastle upon Tyne, Central, C): Would Mr Hunt encourage Mr Ian MacGregor, chairman of the NCB, to institute disciplinary proceedings against those miners found guilty of such offences?

Mr Hunt: Since the beginning of the dispute there have been about 450 dismissals of employees by the NCB. These include a significant number for offences associated with vandalism.

There can be no possible excuse for causing wilful damage to an industry which at the start of this pointless strike had such great potential.

Mr Allen McKay (Barnsley West and Penistone, Lab): Would he suggest to Mr MacGregor that since after seven meetings he has found himself incapable of getting a successful conclusion to this dispute it is time he went?

Mr Hunt: There has been in the course of this dispute just one conciliation proposal from Acas. After careful consideration that was accepted by Mr MacGregor but rejected by Mr Scargill.

Sir Kenneth Lewis (Stamford and Spalding, C): In all the many speeches Mr Scargill has made, he has made not one statement urging his members not to vandalize their plant and tools. When they go back to work this will be to their detriment.

Mr Hunt: This strike has been characterized by the unhelpful remarks of Mr Scargill, of which perhaps the most unhelpful was made today. He now calls for all forms of industrial action on a massive scale in support of the miners. He will receive the same sort of raspberry to that ridiculous and irresponsible notion as he has throughout the dispute.

The real damage in this dispute and the real financial cost (he added later) has been in the tragic situation over investment. It now looks as if this industrial action, if it continues to the end of March, will mean a reduction in investment spending of nearly £500 million.

Mr Alex Eadie, an Opposition spokesman on energy: If and when Mr Walker, the Secretary of State, meets Mr MacGregor will he ask why he only seems to come to life when a move is on to try to resolve the dispute?

It is vandalism for the chairman of the NCB to make statements on the eve of Mr Walker's meeting with the TUC to suggest there is no prospect of the strike ending. It must surely be unparallelled for a Cabinet minister to have his authority undermined in this way.

It is time Mr MacGregor was asked to go. He has done too much damage already.

Mr Hunt: Mr MacGregor has been the first chairman of the NCB to offer what is undoubtedly the most generous offer that the miners have had since nationalization.

There has not been one MP who has said it was reasonable for Mr Scargill to stick his irresponsible demand that no pit should be closed however uneconomic while there is still an ounce of coal left in it.

EEC aid for liquefaction

The EEC Commission has offered aid of £4.8 million for a National Coal Board coal liquefaction project at Point of Ayr Colliery, North Wales, and the NCB expected to begin construction work early in the new year, Mr David Hunt, Under Secretary of State for Energy, said during Commons questions.

The NCB was discussing terms of participation with a private sector company which would enable release of the £2.5 million of the department's contribution, which had already been substantial in the design stage.

This was an important project and completion of the NCB contract with the EEC would trigger the start of construction.

Why Britain's merchant fleet is declining

SHIPPING

If the British merchant fleet continued to decline at its present rate of two ships per week it might be reduced to a couple of cruise ships and ferries by the end of the decade, **Mr Michael Colvin** (Romsey and Waterside, C) said in the Commons when introducing a debate on the problems of the shipping industry asking the Government to state its policies for helping the industry improve its international competitive position.

The main underlying cause of the fleet's decline was the impracticability of trading fairly in a market no longer governed by economics alone. Britain's competitors would do anything to survive when far too many ships were chasing too little cargo.

It was a case of Britain playing cricket while the rest of the world played karate.

The market in which British shipowners had to compete was a very inhospitable and unfair one and no self-imposed handicaps could be afforded.

The fiscal policies and tax regimes in Britain were an incentive to foreigners to "fly in" but now it was quite the reverse. In his last Budget, the Chancellor did his best to torpedo what was left of the British fleet.

Sir Paul Bryan (Boothferry, C) said Britain was losing ships at a greater speed than it did at the height of the Second World War. They were not the victims of torpedoes but of ever-increasing costs; competition and subsidized shipbuilding.

British shipping was discriminated against because it did not enjoy government help such as regional aid or enterprise zone status.

Mr Roger Stott, for the Opposition (Wigan, Lab), a former able-seaman, said that since he joined the Merchant Navy 20 years ago there had been a terrible demise of shipbuilding, shipping, and ports policy. There had been singularly little action coming from this Government to counter this demise.

New Trident estimate in New Year

The Trident missile programme represented good value for money and without it this country would be out of the nuclear deterrent business altogether within a decade, **Lord Trefgarne**, Under-Secretary of State for the Armed Forces, said in answering criticism during question time in the House of Lords of the escalating costs of the project.

Lord Bruce-Gardyne (C) asked: What is the Government's latest estimate of the current sterling cost of acquiring the Trident missile system?

Lord Trefgarne: The Trident system is currently being reviewed as part of the annual recosting of the defence programme. The Secretary of State for Defence, Mr Michael Heseltine, hopes to be able to announce a revised estimate early in the New Year.

Lord Bruce-Gardyne: It is already apparent the estimate is likely to be at least double the original cost. Is it not by now apparent that the original assurances which were given when this expensive project was embarked upon, that it would have no impact in squeezing the other programmes in the defence budget, is no longer sustainable?

Lord Trefgarne: No.

The right to object to jurors questioned

Was it not time to consider the future of the right by lawyers to challenge potential jurors in view of the methods adopted by some counsel as revealed in a letter to *The Times*, **Lord Denning**, former Master of the Rolls, asked at question time in the House of Lords.

During a question on steps the Government was taking to strengthen public confidence in the criminal justice system, he asked: In view of the letter in *The Times* today which showed some defence counsel habitually challenge any potential juror who happens to be in a pin-stripe suit, or who looks intelligent, or who is wearing a collar and tie, is it not time to consider abolition of the right of the pre-emptory challenge?

Mr Elton, Minister of State, Home Office: I would be very foolish to answer that question in any definitive manner.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Estimates on industrial support. **Lords** (2.30): Bankruptcy (Scotland) Bill, third reading. Elections (Northern Ireland) Bill, second reading.

New towns: 2

Redditch assets attract US group

As the new towns approach privatization, they face decisions on the sale of their assets and their local authorities await the transfer of other assets. CHRISTOPHER WARMAN, Property Correspondent, looks at Redditch and Basildon.

Executives from the Harbison group, an American property consortium, visited Redditch in the West Midlands last week to outline their plans to the borough council in their attempt to buy many of the new town's industrial and commercial property assets being sold by the development corporation.

The visit renewed fears that Redditch, whose shopping centre is to pass into private hands, could become a "company town".

Harbison is one of two groups reduced from a short list of five interested in buying a large slice of Redditch. The other is led by Tarmac.

The property amounts to at least 20 per cent of the new town's assets. For Mr Norman More, managing director of Redditch Development Corporation, this interest, from the United States as well as Britain, shows great confidence in the future of Redditch.

It is most unlikely, however, that the Department of the Environment will allow such a deal.

Mr More is proud of the development corporation's achievements since Redditch was designated a new town in 1964 during a recession when Royal Enfield and other large companies went out of business. "One of our first tasks was to rescue what we could. We have had to run like mad ever since to provide jobs", he said.

One worry about the new town development corporations had been their undemocratic structure, but Mr More believed that, rather than leading it to make decisions against the public interest, it had been able to be more responsive to people's needs because of its uncluttered planning powers. "Coming to a town of 30,000 people, not a green field, we had to move carefully, and the fact that we salvaged jobs from the economic difficulties we met helped to give confidence generally. I believe we have carried the people with us. It seems they do love us, because they are now a bit worried about life in the future without us".

Mr More believed the development of Redditch could not have taken place without a body such as the corporation.

"The local authority did not have the resources or the expertise," he said.

Basildon, Essex is a first generation new town with some of the character of third generation town, in that is is still developing, with about £200 million of contemporary investment, including plans for what could be the largest covered shopping centre in Europe.

The corporation inherited 60 miles of unmade roads and 7,000 substandard homes. "We made 10,000 compulsory purchase orders, and it is extremely unlikely that a town of 100,000 would have been created with normal local authority powers which are democratic, but slow," a corporation spokesman said.

Mr Robin Mitchinson, town manager of Basildon District Council, agreed. "My strong view is that this sort of development would not take place without a development corporation, which has important powers, no annual elections, no change of policy.

"The concept has been much decried, but has proved to be a very important mechanism for large scale public development."

Because of their non-democratic structure, he believed development corporations leant over backwards in public consultation. The council's two members on the corporation board made their views felt very strongly.

"It was not always so," he said. "In the 1950s there was undeclared war until Bob Mellish came and banged a few heads together."

The main difficulty was agreeing terms over the transfer of housing and community assets. The district council should have taken over housing in 1978, but declined.

The problem remained because the council feared it would now involve a cost of £1.5 million. As a rate capped authority, it was not willing to add to its burden and is negotiating, with the Department of the Environment.

Tomorrow: Can the commission cope?



Noble design: The one-ounce platinum noble coin to be minted for the Isle of Man. It will be the first coin in 1985 to bear the new effigy of the Queen.

Expand Heathrow, not 'Stansted', says Essex

By Michael Baily, Transport Editor

Last week's report urging airport expansion at Stanste d was strongly attacked yesterday by Essex County Council. Heathrow should be expanded instead to cope with future traffic growth, the council said.

Mr Ron Williams, the council's chairman, said: "We have always made it quite clear that we wish to see limited growth at Stanste d within the existing airport's limits, and the inspector's proposals that it should be expanded to take 15 million and then 25 million passengers a year are wholly unacceptable to us.

"The right place for airport growth on this scale is Heathrow, and we shall now be urging the Government to accept the proposals for a fifth terminal at Heathrow, and to reject the proposals for a major expansion at Stanstead."

Backing for Heathrow expansion also came from British Airways. Mr Colin Marshal, BA's chief executive, reiterated the airline's view that the concentration of growth at Heathrow, rather than Stanste d, would be in the interests of both passengers and the airline industry.

Ethics code sought to halt leaks

By David Walker
Social Policy Correspondent

A senior management consultant has proposed a new code of conduct for civil servants, outlawing leaking to the Press but allowing officials to refuse orders from politicians if they involved lies.

Mr Sandy Grey of Hay-MSL, the consultants, said yesterday that effective management in Whitehall depended on a written code of conduct for civil servants supported by penalties.

Writing in Hay's journal, *Management Matters*, he said: "The code would play a similar role in the public sector to that of the profit yardstick in the private sector, though even there many successful companies have found it necessary to make their managers comply with a written ethic code as well."

Mr Grey said the civil servant's first obligation was to the truth, then to the law and the constitution, to the customers of the services his department provided and only then to the management hiararchy, meaning ministers and politician.

Commentary

Geoffrey Smith

One can hardly open a newspaper these days without coming across a ministerial assurance that income tax is to be cut in the Budget. Mrs Thatcher added her voice to this authoritative chorus when she gave her Christmas address to Conservative backbenchers last week.

Tax cuts have become the centrepiece of the Government's economic strategy. That is why such strenuous efforts have been made to hold down public expenditure. But it is a strategy that is not without its critics in Conservative ranks, let alone the other parties, who believe that the money would be better spent in direct public investment.

Which would be the swifter and surer way to provide more jobs is disputed by economists. But what of the politics of the choice? One of the tenets of Thatcherism has always been that there is public revulsion at having to pay such high taxes. Is this still true?

To imply that the British people have come to love their taxes would be absurd. But the evidence suggests that this complaint is no longer top of the agenda. There is more general anxiety over unemployment, and more specific anguish over particular spending cuts.

Preference grows for services

An indication of how opinion has moved is provided by the answers to a question asked by Gallup at intervals over the past four years. In October 1979, five months after Mrs Thatcher came to power, the country was almost evenly divided over whether it would be better to extend such services as heath, education and welfare, even if this meant some increase in taxes: 44 per cent favoured this course, while 20 per cent preffered to cut taxes and 26 per cent wanted to leave things as they were.

The question was put again the following month, in March 1981, in May this year and again in an as yet unpublished poll conducted last month. On every occasion, with the exception of November 1979, there has been an increase in the number wanting to extend the social services and a decline in the number preffering to cut taxes.

In last month's poll the percentage wanting to extend services had risen to 58, with 24 per cent thinking it better to leave things as they are and only 12 per cent giving priority to tax cuts.

One must always be careful with opinion polls not to read more into the answers than is there. A preference for another course of action does not mean that tax cuts will be unpopular when they come. One might rather have a record than a book for Christmas, but still very much enjoy reading the book.

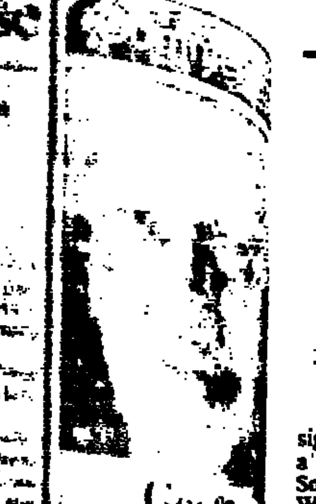
Those hurt likely to switch votes

Even if public opinion were firmly opposed to tax cuts, this would not be a conclusive argument against them. Economic strategy is one of the areas of government policy that is least suited to rule by referendum. In going for tax cuts the Chancellor will be pursuing an economic doctrine; not seeking instant popularity.

But the logic of these polls confirms the conclusions to be drawn from more subjective impressions. There no longer seems to be such a widespread clamour for lower taxes that the cries of joy when reductions are announced will drown the squeals of pain over spending cuts. Indeed, those who are hurt by spending cuts will probably be more likely to switch their votes for that reason than those who are pleased by tax reductions.

Nor will tax cuts be considered an adequate substitute for failing to tackle unemployment. The Government, of course, does not accept that this is the choice. It believes that lower taxes are the best way to stimulate the economy and so to provide secure jobs. The political test of the Government's strategy will be whether that economic judgement is well founded.

There is here a problem of timing. I have no doubt that the social attitudes engendered in a low-tax society are conducive to greater enterprise and economic growth. But whether changes in the level of taxation can transform social attitudes quickly enough to improve economic performance by the next election is more doubtful. Yet that is the yardstick by which the political wisdom of the policy will be measured.



Warsaw tries to placate party diehards with tough line on Solidarity

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw

The Polish authorities have signalled that they will maintain a hardline attitude towards the Solidarity opposition despite Washington's decision to lift one of its economic sanctions against the Jaruzelski Government.

The large display of police force and the breaking up of a demonstration in Gdansk on Sunday were apparently authorized by the provincial Governor, General Mieczyslaw Cygan, clearly with the approval of Warsaw.

Water cannon was used in sub-zero temperatures, flares cracked through the sky and the Zomo riot police were not shy of using batons.

In return, the Solidarity demonstrators, wanting to lay flowers at a monument to commemorate workers shot down 14 years ago, shouted and threw stones. At least one important Solidarity figure, Mr Andrzej Gwiazda, was still in custody yesterday, the charge uncertain.

Friends of the former deputy chairman of Solidarity said that he was being put before a magistrate's court in Gdansk and could receive a two-month jail term if the authorities accused him of organizing Sunday's demonstration.

Some diplomats here argue that the action against the Solidarity protesters was symbolic, sending a message to the hardliners in the Communist Party's Central Committee which is due to meet on Friday. The session will discuss the economy but it is also expected to hear a report on party control of the security services, a report that was commissioned after the murder of Father Jerzy Popieluszko by secret policemen.

It is an unwritten rule in Polish Communist Party politics that any open criticism of the police must be accompanied by a sign that the Government is not going soft on "the enemies of socialism."

Whether symbolic or not, the tough response to what was intended to be a mild mannered demonstration, has confused the process of lifting sanctions. In a leak over the weekend, the Reagan Administration had let it be known that it was withdrawing its opposition to Polish membership of the International Monetary Fund (IMF). That was intended as a reward for the freeing of the two most important remaining political prisoners, Mr Bogdan Lis and Mr Piotr Mierzewski, both accused of treason. Now much depends on whether the Polish authorities will revoke the amnesty granted to Mr Gwiazda, creating yet another important political prisoner.

Other demonstrations or rallies were treated mildly or even ignored by the authorities. Near the Wujek colliery in Silesia – where nine miners were killed by police after the imposition of martial law exactly three years ago yesterday – some leading Solidarity activists laid flowers at a plaque reading: "To the miners from Wujek killed in the struggle for national freedom, social justice and at their work places."

In Lodz, a plaque was unveiled in a church to the memory of Father Popieluszko but again without the interference of the authorities.



Sweeping a path for Thatcher



Chinese soldiers attacking the snow with brooms yesterday outside the Great Hall of the People in Peking, in preparation for the visit of Mrs Margaret Thatcher, who arrives this evening to sign the Sino-British agreement on Hong Kong.

When she flies in, the Prime Minister will find a Peking blanketed in two to three inches of snow and swept by cold winds from Siberia.

Her champagne reception will be in marked contrast with the frosty atmosphere when she launched the talks on Hong Kong's future

She slipped and fell on the steps of the Great Hall after an icy meeting with the Chinese leader Mr Deng Xiaoping, who has seen it as his personal mission to recover Hong Kong from Britain.

People of Bhopal begin return home

Delhi – People began drifting back to the gas disaster city of Bhopal yesterday as the operation to neutralize the remaining stock of deadly methyl isocyanate (MIC) gas continued successfully (Trevor Fishlock writes).

By last night, eight of the 15 tonnes of gas, stored in an underground tank in liquid form, had been rendered into pesticide. Helicopters circled over the Union Carbide plant spraying water as a safety measure.

The districts around the plant were still deserted, and many shops and houses elsewhere in the city stayed locked. Most of the customers at the tea and tobacco stores that remained open in the older section of the city were police and paramilitary troops who were out in force to prevent theft and looting.

The disaster, which killed more than 2,000 people and left 100,000 suffering the effects of exposure to MIC, has led to the postponement of the parliamentary election in Bhopal.

Scrap star wars, say scientists

From Alan McGregor Geneva

Prospects for controlling nuclear weapons arising from the Shultz-Gromyko talks here next month will be scuttled if the United States pursues its "Star Wars" project beyond the present stage of basic research.

This was the unanimous view at a two-day meeting here of the Pugwash organization, attended by scientists, public and military figures from 18 countries, to assess the new opportunity for nuclear arms control.

"There must be no further weaponization of space," the group said.

Professor John Holdren of the University of California, Berkeley, who is president of the Federation of American Scientists, said: "To press on with the star wars project would rip the lid of constraints off the whole spectrum of nuclear weapons. The majority of scientists, including those engaged in aero-space research and development, say in private that there is essentially no hope this technology will develop in any time scale worth thinking about into actual defence of populations against nuclear attacks."

● MOSCOW: Mr Yuri Zhukov, a senior Soviet commentator, yesterday questioned whether the US was going into the forthcoming Geneva arms talks with sincere intentions (Reuter reports).

Writing in the Communist Party daily *Pravda*, Mr Zhukov said the discussions due to take place next month offered Washington a chance to prove its peaceful intentions with concrete actions. But he cited recent statements by senior US officials as evience that the Reagan Administration was bent on pursuing its former course "to achieve military superiority at any price in order to rule the planet."

● VIENNA: A Soviet diplomat here yesterday rebutted American claims that Moscow has built up nuclear weapons superiority (Reuter reports).

"The US Administration goes to all lenghts to prove that the US is lagging behind the Sovet Union in this area. It is not correct.," Mr Oleg Khlestov, Soviet Ambassador to the United Nations in Vienna, told a news conference.

Mitterrand's global view

French rule out force against Libyans

From Diana Geddes, Paris

While insisting that France would never accept the "political amputation" of Chad, President Mitterrand has made it clear that he has no intention of using force to drive the Libyans from the north of the country. Critics maintain that this means a *de facto* division of Chad.

In a *tour d'horizon* of his foreign policy on television on Sunday night, halfway through his seven-year Presidential term, M Mitterrand also touched on the situation in New Caledonia. He launched a surprisingly sharp attack on Australia, which has been critical of France's handling of the explosive situation in the islands.

"If there is no longer a problem over the indigenous Aborigines in Australia ... it is because they have been killed," he said. "That is not the path chosen by France. That is why France is so respected and held in such high esteem in its former colonies."

The Government's handling of Chad and New Caledonia, coupled with what is seen as President Mitterrand's increasing penchant for one-man secret diplomacy, has been largely responsible for the partial collapse of the traditional national consensus on foreign affairs.

Opinion is divided over whether M Mitterrand succeeding in dispelling any doubts over his foreign policy during his one-hour interview. A third of the programme was devoted to Chad. While M Mitterrand admitted there were still Libyan troops in the north of the country, he claimed they were not "offensive". The French Army had nothing to do in the north, which was simply a desert with a few oases and a couple of hundred thousand inhabitants, he insisted.

"French soldiers must not go into the north unless a new situation is created," he said. If the situation did change, France had made the "necessary arrangements". The French Army could intervene within two to three hours with aircraft, and with land forces within a day.

M Mitterrand declined to comment on the now famous promise by M Claude Cheysson, then Foreign Minister, at the time of the signing last September of the agreement with Libya, for the mutual withdrawal of French and Libyan troops from Chad: "If they go, we go. If they stay, we stay. If they return, we return."

The French troops have gone, and the Libyans have returned. France's originally declared intention of restoring Chad's territorial integrity has been reduced to containing the Libyans above the 16th parallel which divides the rebel-held north from the Government-controlled south.

The Chad affair has severely shaken the confidence of France's friends in francophone Africa. Despite M Mitterrand's promise at the Franco-African summit in Bujumbura last week that "no act of aggression (in Africa) will be tolerated", many are now left wondering how far they can rely on France to protect their independence.

"I am not the gendarme of Africa," M Mitterrand insisted on Sunday night. "My desire is to succeed in liberating Chad through constant pressure, by the means that I choose and not those that others wish to impose on me."

M Mitterrand revealed that the civil war in the south of the country was causing problems for the French expatriates living there. "The French, considered allies of the Ndjamena Government, have become so unpopular that it has become necessary to protect them. I have now taken measures to protect the French population and other friends of France

On the broader question of North-South relations in general, M Mitterrand said that France was in the forefront of nations giving aid to the South. He maintained that France was "the most popular, the best understood, and the best-liked country" in the Third World".

Turning to East-West relations, M Mitterrand made clear his desire to strengthen Franco-Soviet ties. "I believe that France should have an active relationship of friendship or, if not, of mutual respect with the Soviet Union".

Reagan to appeal for more Contras funds

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

After the embarrassing fiasco of the non existent MiG fighters in Nicaragua, the Reagan Administration is divided and confused about the direction of its psychological war against the Sandinista Government.

President Reagan said in an interview published yesterday that Congress had been irresponsible to cut off US aid to the Nicaraguan guerrillas. He told *Human Events*, a conservative weekly, that he planned to make a television broadcast to appeal for the resumption of the funds. The White House said last night that no arragnements for a broadcast had yet been made.

The drama of the MiG fighters, which was allowed to unfold with heightened expectations on each night's television news last month, was a serious propaganda disaster. The freighter, Bakuriani, sailed home to the Black Sea without depositing a single Russian MiG.

The bungled episode demonstrated the lack of agreement on how to discredit and undermine the Sandinistas. Several ideas are being considered but the option of a full invasion is not on the table, despite all the Administration's hints and innuendoes to the contrary. The strategy, simply, is to keep up the pressure by publicly holding out the possibliltiy of military intervention.

There are contradictory strands to the handling of the Nicaragua question. While Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, has visited Managua and talked of America's commitment to a peaceful solution, the Administration has been happily encouraging the increasing flow of private funds to anti-Sandinista rebels operating across the border.

President Reagan has expressed sympathy for the private effort to help the rebels, who no longer receive public aid. He said he would be inclined not to want to interfere with them. At the same time, he has voiced support for the peace process of the Contadora nations – Panama, Venezuela, Colombia and Mexico.

Some Administration officials say that various proposals for increased diplomatic and military pressure on Nicaragua are circulating in the State Department, the White House, the Pentagon and the Central Intelligence Agency.

Mr Shultz said last month that he knew of no plans to interdict arms shipments to Nicaragua or to undertake other military and diplomatic initiatives to slow such shipments.



Mr Shultz and Mr Weinberger: Differences of emphasis

Interdiction, however, has long been a serious option. The large-scale military manoeuvres in Honduras and navy manoeuvres off Central America last year served as a dress rehearsal. Further exercises are contemplated in 1985. Mr Caspar Weinberger, the Defence Secretary, said: "The fact is that the Soviets are supplying a great deal of heavy offensive arms to Nicaragua ... The US is prepared for a great number of contingencies that may have to be taken."

Behind all the public posturing, Nicaragua and the United States have been talking privately for several months in a secretive atmosphere in Manzanillo, Mexico. It has seemed a strange spectacle: the two sides have met nine times this year, each time emerging with smiles, then heading off silently to their respective capitals.

The last session was last week and it adjourned without any apparent substantive progress. Another session is planned.

Heart man gets out of bed

Louisville (AFP) – William Schroeder, the recent recipient of an artificial heart, got out of bed for the first time since suffering a stroke four days ago, but was in a worrisome condition, the director of the Humana Heart Institute in this Kentucky city said.

Dr Allan Lansing said that Mr Schroeder sat in a chair for about an hour and talked with members of his family, but he showed signs of deep apathy. "He doesn't seem to be very interested in talking".

Human wall halts dam

Vienna (Reuter) – Thousands of demonstrators, forming a human wall, prevented site clearance work for a hydro-electric power plant near Hainburg only hours after the work had started, an Interior Ministry spokesman said.

"Demonstrators have made a living wall around the clearing site and work had to stop. Otherwise many people would have been injured," he said, adding that police were told not to use force.

Rebel Vietnam archbishop dies

Rome (AP) – Pierre Martin Ngo-Dinh Thuc, the excommunicated former Archbishop of Hue, in Vietman, and brother of the late South Vietnamese President Ngo Dinh Diem, has died in the United States.

The Vatican, announcing his death, also said that the Pope had pardoned Ngo, aged 87, after the former archbishop wrote a letter to him on July 11 "retracting all my previous errors."

Mintoff hailed

Moscow (Reuter) The Maltese Prime Minister, Mr Dom Mintoff, was given a red-carpet welcome when he arrived here for a visit. The Soviet Prime Minister Mr Nikolai Tikhonov, and the Foreign Minister, Mr Andrei Gromyko greeted him at the airport.

Lightning toll

Harare (AFP) – After five more deaths from lightning, the government-controlled *Harare Herald* labelled the toll a "national scandal" and demanded a public awareness campaign on safety procedures. This year's storm season deaths total 60.

Tokyo quake

Tokyo (AP) – An earthquake measuring three on the Japanese scale of seven hit Tokyo last night, but there were no reports of damage. Buildings were jolted sharply and rocked for about 30 seconds.

Berlin blaze

Berlin (AP) – A yuletide wreath that caught fire is being blamed for a blaze in an East Berlin apartment that killed two and injured eight. It was of a type popular in Germany which has four mounted candles.

Algeria's guest

Algiers (AFP) – President Erich Honecker of East Germany arrived for an official three-day visit to Algeria. It will include talks with President Chadli Benjedid.

Quins blow

Berlin (AP) – Three boys and two girls were born to a West Berlin woman over the weekend, but two, a boy and a girl, died later. Their weights ranged from 1lb 14oz to 2lb 3oz.

Bomb haul

Copenhagen (AF(p – Danish fishermen recently hauled in Second World War mustard gas bombs while trawling in the Baltic near the island of Bornholm.

Cardin burgled

Paris (Reuter) – Burglars who broke into the Paris home of the couturier, Pierre Cardin, got away with about £15,000.

Bank's safe deposit – in the bin

Nice (AFP) - Two bank officials, worried about a holdup, used different hiding places each day to protect at least part of the bank's cash. One day, they used a wastepaper basket to hide 100,000 francs (£8,000) which was then burnt in an incinerator.

A Nice Labour Relations court was told that recentl.y the bank's books disclosed a loss of 100,000 francs. The deputry manager remembered that this was the exact amount he decided should be hidden in a wastepaper basket.

The head office of the bank, which has not been named, demoted the deputy manager and penalized the cashier. Both appealed

The said they were merely obeying a head office circular to use "discreet and inaccessible hiding places" to foil and holdup.

The court will give a decision on their appeal later.

Vatican visitor: Major Abdul Salam Jalloud, Libya's number 2, being greeted by the Pope at the Vatican yesterday. He had a 36-minute audience, at the end of which they exchanged gifts.

Israel team to press for extra aid

From Christopher Walker Jerusalem

A high-level delegation flew to Washington, yesterday to press Israel's case for a big increase in American financial aid at the first meeting of the Israel-US Economic Development Group this week.

According to Israeli sources, the team, led by Mr Emmanual Sharon, director-general of the Finance Ministry, will be seeking an extra $750 million (£625 million) in emergency economic aid for 1985, in addition to the $2.6 billion already promised as military and economic aid.

It will also be seeking an increase in total financial assistance to more than $4 billion for 1986.

Despite claims in Jerusalem of severe financial straits if the demands are not met, the Reagan Administration is thought unlikely to agree to such huge increases. There has been disappointment in Washington that the austerity measures so far carried out by Israel's Government of national unity have not been more extensive.

A last-minute decision was taken to include three leading economists in the Israeli delegation. Their job will be to explain the dire economic conditions to the Americans.

The meeting comes at a bad time for Israel as it coincides with an attempt by President Reagan to find ways of reducing the large deficit in the American budget to be presented to Congress next month.

Some Israeli sources are afraid that US plans to freeze spending across the board, including foreign aid, may now be under consideration in Washington.

Two Lebanon villages put under curfew

Jerusalem – Israeli security forces yesterday imposed curfews on two Shia Muslim villages in occupied southern Lebanon after the killing of a 19-year-old Israeli soldier in the region on Sunday night (Christopher Walker writes).

The new clampdown follows last week's action in seven villages in which, according to United Nations sources, a total of five Lebanese civilians died.

Yesterday's operation coincided with the opening of the tenth session of the Israeli-Lebanese troop withdrawal talks in the southern Lebanese village of Naqoura. The Lebanese delegation complained strongly about last week's Israeli action in which more than 100 people were detained.

Tel Aviv bus in rush-hour grenade attack

Jerusalem – Three people were injured in Tel Aviv during last night's rush hour when a hand grenade was thrown over a wall at a bus near the central market (Christopher Walker writes.)

The injured were taken to hospital, and first reports on Israel radio said their wounds were slight. A huge police operation was launched in the area, and streets were sealed offf. Police sources said it was assumed that the attack was carried out by "terrorists".

In recent months, buses have become a popular target for attacks by Arab and Jewish extremists both in Israel itself and in the occupied territories. There were fears that last night's attack might provoke futher retaliation.

EEC pullout wrangles give Greenland the blues

From Ian Murray, Brussels

Greenland is finding it as difficult to leave the EEC as Spain and Portugal are finding it to join. That, at least, was clear in Brussels yesterday when foreign ministers from the Community locked in argument on the two issues.

Greenland is due to server its existing links with the Community from the start of next year. Spain and Portugal still hope to join by the start of 1986. But the legal and financial problems loom large.

In order for Greenland to leave, it is necessary for every one of the 10 national parliaments to ratify its departure. That cannot now happen since not all countries will have passed the necessary legislation by the new year. Britain is one of the few so far to have done so.

In consequence a legal form of words has to be found to give Greenland the independence from the EEC that it wants, even though legally it cannot yet leave. This problem will be studied tomorrow by fisheries ministers in Brussels, before it is referred on the diplomants for a final drafting.

One further important problem for the Greenlanders is that their promised £15.6 million "going away present" from the Community has been frozen because the European Parliament threw out the 1985 budget

Meanwhile nogotiations with Spain and Portugal have been making little progress. There is some hope that agreement in principle may be reached today on how to phase the Spanish steel industry into the Community, and there could also be decisive progress on the removal of trade tarrifs.

Lorries blockade border

Geneva. (AP) – About 30 checkpoints along the French-Swiss border were blocked to lorries as French and Swiss lorry drivers staged a blockade to protest against a planned Swiss road tax.

Drivers parked their lorries in front of checkpoints along the 135-mile stretch between Basle and Geneva beginning at midnight. Many other lorries were unable to manoeuvre past them.

Cars were forced to slow down and drive in "slalom" fashion to cross the border, and were delayed up to 2½ hours in huge traffic jams.

Draw after 19 moves in Moscow

Moscow (AFP) – Gary Kasparov kept what seems destined to be the longest world chess championship in history running when he drew the 33rd game with Anatoly Karpov, the title-holder here yesterday. His offer of a draw on move 20 was accepted by the champion.

The only world championship match that continued for more games tham the one under way, here was in 1927, when Aleksandr Alexhin and José Raoul Capablance of Cuba battled for 34 games in Buenos Aires. That Marx is due to he equalled tomorrow, when the Karpov-Kasparov match is to resume, with the world champion leading 5-1.

After his win in the 32nd game, Kasparov arrived at the board first yesterday and received a two-minute standing ovation before Karpov, playing white, came on stage. The opening was a Slav defence.

Thirtythird game
White Karpov; Black Kasparov

1	Kt-KB3	P-Q4	2	P-Q4	Kt-KB3
3	P-B4	P-K3	4	Kt-B3	P-B3
5	P-K3	QKt-Q2	6	Q-B2	B-Q3
7	P-K4	P-K4	8	BPxP	BPxP
9	KPxP	PxP	10	KtxP	0-0
11	B-K2	Kt-Kt3	12	0-0	QKtxP
13	KtxKt	KtxKt	14	R-Q1	Q-K2
15	B-K3	R-K1	16	P-KKt3	B-KR6
17	B-Q2	B-K4	18	BxKt	BxKt
19	B-QB3	BxB	20	QxB	

Draw agreed

Greek ship hit in third Gulf attack

Bahrain (Reuter) – A Greek cargo ship was hit in the Gulf yesterday in the third confirmed attack on merchant vessels in the waterway in three days, shipping sources said.

The sources said the 12,498-ton Aegis Cosmic reported by radio it had been hit in a port side cargo hold. It said there were no casualties and gave its position as some 85 miles north of Bahrain and the same distance from Saudi Arabia.

It was not immediately clear whether Iran or Iraq was responsible for the attack, but some hours after the ship's emergency message, a military spokesman in Baghdad said Iraqi planes had hit a "large naval target" south of Iran's Kharg Island.

The shipping sources said the Aegis Cosmic reported it was not taking on water, did not need assistance and was travelling "dead slow"

Iraq claimed to have hit one large and one small target in the Gulf on Sunday. On Saturday it said it had hit two large targets.

The only hits reported by shipping and salvage sources were on another Greek ship, the 111,688-ton tanker Ninemia which they said was hit on Saturday and again yesterday in Iraqi attacks.

Split Peronists face destruction

From Douglas Tweedale Buenos Aires

A leadership struggle in its national congress has split Argentina's Peronist Party down the middle and raised the spectre of dissolution for the once-dominant movement created by General Juan Perón.

The "official" faction of the Peronist National Congress, the party's governing body, went ahead with the election of new party authorities on Sunday night, despite a walkout by more than half the delegates on Saturday.

The dissident delegates, who comprise most of the Peronist congressmen and provincial leaders, denounced the congress as illegitimate and called for a new congress to be held on February 2 in the northwestern province of Tucuman.

Peronsist leaders described the split as the most serious in the party's history, but said it was principally a power struggle and not an ideological division.

On one side is the "official" faction led by Señor Lorenzo Miguel, a controversial union leader, and Señor Herminio Iglesias, the populist Buenos Aires province *Caudillo* (leader), which controls the still powerful party apparatus. On the other are most of the Peronist senators and deputies, as well as most of the provincial leaders, who want a renovation of the party leadership.

On Sunday, Señor Igesias and Señor Miguel's faction had its way, re-electing ex-president Isabel Perón as the symbolic president of the party founded by her late husband. Señora Peron has virtually retired from politics

Señor Miguel, was elected to the key post of first vice-president, while Señor Miguel was named second vice-president, and Señor Iglesias became the Peronist secretary-general.

The sub-continent prepares to vote

Gandhi juggernaut rolls to victory as electors embrace Nehru dynasty

From Trevor Fishlock, Delhi

The dynamics of Indian politics and history swing to the advantage of Mr Rajiv Gandhi. He has been dealt all the electoral trumps and his Congress Party juggernaut is rolling to victory in the world's largest election. Next week Indian voters will place their hopes for their country into the hands of this politically unseasoned young man.

His inexperience, as it happens, is to his benefit. He is a political unknown, an unpainted canvas, and as such he appears to be all things to all men. He arrives with a minimum of baggage and debts and people find this exciting. He seems to offer a real prospect of change. Indians hope that their national story is at a genuine turning point.

Had Mrs Gandhi been running in this election she would have had a struggle on her hands. She would have had to marshal all her shrewdness, her tigerish fighting ability and her unsurpassed knowledge of the labyrinth of Indian politics, to counter her own unpopularity among a considerable part of the population.

She would have been fighting that desire for change that is now focussed on her son. His newness and rawness are among the qualities that seem to make him the most likely agent for reform.

At the same time, as well as being the beneficiary of this reaction, he will do well from being his mother's son. As a latter-day empress, the only all-India figure, long term leader, and shaper and controller of her eponymous Indira Congress Party, she had strong support among large sections of the population, particularly the poor.

The party is exploiting this popularity to the full as it runs a campaign with saturation coverage of posters, badges and knick-knacks. Mrs Gandhi's smiling image is everywhere. Her words are quoted constantly. Her son invokes her name ceaselessly as he criss-crosses the country, addressing large rallies. There are twice as many posters showing Mrs Gandhi as there are showing her son.

As a Nehru, bearing a great name, Mr Gandhi represents the remarkable line of continuity in modern Indian history. The idea of a dynasty has its critics, but many Indians find comfort and stability in the prospect of another Nehru managing the country.

In any case there was no credible alternative to Mr Gandhi when his mother was murdered. That was part of her legacy, and also, it can be argued, her disservice, to Indian democracy.

Always insecure, always determined that power should be held firmly at the centre, she accrued power to herself, sought always to make herself unchallengeable, and cut down any regional chief or other political figure who might have challenged her. She would have argued that India needed strong leadership at the centre. But her failure to encourage the growth of political talent weakened the democratic fabric of the mighty Congress Party.

Only her son had her complete trust. His transition from the life of agreeable obscurity he once led, to the leadership of this huge country, was inevitable. There is no one in the party who is strong enough to attract the support that would make him an alternative to Mr Gandhi. The Nehrus have always been able to command much loyalty.

There are other factors helping Mr Gandhi in this election. There is a Hindu backlash against the Sikh terrorism that came to a head this year, culminating in the Army assault on the Sikh's Golden Temple in Amritsar and the vengeance of the extremists on Mrs Gandhi.

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Opposition leader survives crash

Delhi (Reuter) – India's main opposition leader, Mr Charan Singh, aged 82, the former Prime Minister, escaped unhurt when his four-seater plane crash-landed yesterday. A spokesman for his Dalit Mazdoor Kisan party said that the aircraft, chartered by the party to campaign for next week's national elections, landed on its belly at Banaras airport in northern Uttar Pradesh after its front wheel collapsed. No one was injured.

Zia courts female hearts and minds

From Hasan Akhtar, Islamabad

General Zia ul-Haq, Pakistan's military ruler, yesterday completed his campaign for a referendum mandate to continue as President for a fresh five-year term.

He has made a special effort to win women's votes, assuring them that he was not so orthodox that he would want half the nation locked within four walls just because they happened to be female.

During his mass-contact campaign, as he has called his whirlwind tour of the country, General Zia appealed to popular religious sentiments for endorsement of his Islamization programme so that it could be firmly established in the next five years.

He contrasted his character and rule with that of his predecessor, the late Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, whom he overthrew as Prime Minister in July 1977 in a bloodless coup after a huge Islamic movement arose against Bhutto's Government.

General Zia's need to win women's votes in tomorrow's referendum became crucial in the face of antagonism among emancipated, educated women towards his orthodox Islamic polices and alignment with fundamentalists, such as the Jamaat-i-Islami. Women constitute 45 per cent of the electorate of about 36 million.

President Zia assured women that he recognized their vital role in society. There could be no forward movement if there was just one wheel in a cart, he told them. They responded with cheers and loud slogans of support.

Although public demonstrations are banned under martial law, his appearances in cities and towns drew large crowds in many parts of the North-west Frontier province and the Punjab, according to television coverage.

In Sind the people seemed subdued, possibly because the opposition has a stronghold in that province. However, opposition to the regime or the referendum is forbidden under various special orders and ordinances.

Meanwhile, the chief election commissioner, Mr Justice S A Nusrat, told a press conference here yesterday that he would announce the results of the referendum by next Saturday. No partial or regional results would be permitted

Mr Justice Nusrat, a Supreme Court judge, took pains to assure the journalists that ballot speeches and fairness in counting would be fully protected, although most referendum arrangements would be carried out by officials at district level.



Another case solved: Georges Simenon, aged 81, creator of Inspector Maigret, before leaving hospital in Luasanne yesterday, 10 days after surgery to remove a benign head tumour. His surgeon said he was now perfectly well.

Chernenko pledges aid to Addis

Moscow (Reuter) – President Konstantin Chernenko praised Ethiopia's famine relief efforts at a meeting yesterday with the Ethiopian leader, Colonel Mengistu Haile Mariam, and pledged continued Soviet aid for the drought-stricken country.

Colonel Mengistu, who is the Kremlin's closest African ally, is visiting Moscow on an unannounced trip that diplomats said appeared to be aimed at winning a promise of increased Soviet assistance.

Reporting the meeting, Tass news agency said Mr Chernenko praised "the Ethiopian Government's resolute actions,

"Chernenko pointed out that the Soviet people take to heart the ordeal that has befallen the population of Ethiopia as a result of the protracted drought and strive to render necessary help and support as far as possible," Tass said.

While Western governments and organizations began supplying heavy emergency relief in September, the Soviet Union moved relatively late, announcing a shipment of lorries, aircraft and some foodstuffs in late October.

Diplomats said Ethiopian officials have indicated they were not fully satisfied with the extent of relief aid from the Soviet Union, which provides large-scale military support to Addis Ababa's Marxist Government.

Greece sees Turks as main menace

From Mario Modiano, Athens

The Greek Government took one more step away from the Nato alliance yesterday when it announced its intention of redeploying its armed forces under a new defence doctrine that assumes the threat to the country's security to come, not from the Soviet block, but from Turkey.

A government spokesman confirmed a Press report that Mr Andreas Papandreou, the Prime Minister, speaking at a national conference of cadres of the Socialist Party, had said the doctrine would be ratified early next month by the policy-making Government Council for Foreign Affairs and Defence.

The official text of the Prime Minister's speech omitted this passage, and the spokesman refused to elaborate. But the published version of what the Prime Minister disclosed indicated that as a result of the new doctrine there would be "a reorganization of the country's defences and redeployment of its armed forces compatible with the new concept" – that is that "there is no military theat from the north but from the east."

Ever since the invasion of Cyprus in 1984, Greece has been obsessed by what it regards as a Turkish military threat in the Aegean. This has led to the stationing of troops in the Greek islands in the eastern Aegean, close to the Anatolian coast.

Turkey has been objecting to the militarization of these islands, and when Greece assigned its military forces stationed in Lennos island to Nato for 1985, Turkey blocked Nato's acquiescence, with the result that no Greek forces will be committed to the alliance after December 31.

The Greek Government has since informed Nato that until this situation is cleared up it will boycott all joint manoeuvres of the alliance.

The timing of the Greek move, however, is puzzling. Prospects of a Cyprus settlement increased expectations that a Greek-Turkish dialogue could be resumed shortly afterwards. Mr Papendreou, however, told his cadres that on the contrary he expected greater friction in the Aegean.

Last week Mr Turgut Ozal, the Turkish Prime Minister, extended once again his "olive branch" to Greece and Colonel Muammar Gadaffi, the Libyan leader, offered to mediate for a Papandreou-Ozal meeting. Both were turned down by Athens,

Three go in González party shakeup

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

Three Cabinet ministers have lost their places on the new executive of Spain's ruling Socialist Party in a shakeup intended by the recent party congress to put more life into it.

Ever since the Socialists won power in the 1982 general election the executive has rubber-stamped Government decisions.

Señor Felipe Gonzáles, the Prime Minister, heads the new executive and personally selected the other 14 men and two women, with no alternative candidates offered to the delegates.

The three ministers are Señor Jose Maravall, Education, who is perhaps the party's best known theoretician, Señor Carlos Solchaga, Industry, and Señor Joaquin Almunia, Labour.

In a closing speech, which was given a standing ovation, Señor Nicolas Redondo, the trade union leader, publicly attacked the "neo-liberal" policies of Señor Miguel Boyer, Economics Minister.

"We offered the people socialism in liberty. It is equally true there can be no socialism without solidarity," Señor Redondo declared. He gave a warning to the delegates, half of whom now hold posts in local, regional or central government, of the risk of ignoring Spain's "new poor" as he called those who have lost their jobs because of the economic crisis

In command: Señor González delivers his closing speech.

Japanese families sue airline

From David Watts Tokyo

Japanese relatives of victims of the Korean Airlines tragedy yesterday started civil action against the company claiming 914 million yen (£3 million) damages.

Twenty-eight Japanese were killed when Korean Airlines flight 007 was shot down by a Soviet fighter on September 1, 1983, killing all 269 people on board.

Relatives of the victims have been trying ever since to reach an agreement on compensation with the airline but Korean Airlines had consistently refused to improve its offer of 20 million yen to each victim's family, according to Mr Kensuke Nakazawa, the leader of the group of families.

Discussions with the airline broke off last May when it became clear to the families that their only remaining option was legal action. They decided that one group of the families should seek redress through Japanese courts and another group in the United States. The American action is expected to begin next year and to include not only Korean Airlines (now renamed Korean Air), but Boeing, the aircraft manufacturers, and the makers of the airliner's navigational equipment, Litton Industries.

Yesterday's claim by the families of seven victims is based on the International Civil Aviation Oganization (ICAO) report of the incident and says that the Boeing 747 intruded into, Soviet airspace well north of its proper flightpath either on purpose or through the crew's negligence. Either way, the claimants say, the airline should pay them damages. Korean Air admits no liability.

Verdict on Vietnam 21 today

Ho Chi Minh City (Reuter) – The prosecution at the trial of 21 dissidents accused of plotting to overthrow the Vietnam Government yesterday said they were "guilty beyond a shadow of doubt".

The chief prosecutor, Mr Tran Le, made the claim in summing up before the Supreme Court, which is to deliver its verdict today.

He said the evidence was conclusive that the accused, many of them military men who served in the former South Vietnamese Army, plotted to overthrow the Government with the support of China and Thailand and the connivance of the United States.

The full force of the law should be brought to bear against them, he said, many of whom admitted their guilt and asked for leniency.

Under Vietnamese law the maximum penalty for treason and espionage is death by firing squad. One defendant, Mr Tran Van Pluong, asked to be executed.

The court-appointed defence lawyer, Mr Triev Quoc Manh, raised laughter in the courtroom when he said it was difficult to defend the accused because of the conclusive evidence against them.

Windhoek trial of BBC journalist

From Michael Hornsby Johannesburg

A Namibian journalist, Miss Gwen Lister is to appear briefly in court in Windhoek, the Namibian capital, today in connection with charges under the Official Secrets Act and the Post Office Act.

Miss Lister, who is a freelance contributor to the BBC, was arrested last Friday and released on Sunday night after depositing 500 rand (£200) in bail and surrendering her passport.

Her case, which has attracted international interest, arose out of a bungled attempt by the police to arrange for the interception of her mail. A request to this effect from the police to the Postmaster-General in Namibia was inadvertently sent to Miss Lister's own post box.

Extracts from the police request, which was written in Afrikaans and marked *Uiters Geheim* (Top Secret), subsequently appeared in the *Rand Daily Mail* and other newspapers. The police claimed that Miss Lister was using her mail box to liaise with leading members of Swapo (the South West Africa People's Organization), as well as an exile wing which had been waging a desultory guerrilla war since 1966 against South Africa's occupation of Namibia.

It is understood that Miss Lister faces charges under the Post Office Act of illegally opening mail addressed to someone else and, under the Official Secrets Act, of publishing a confidential document.

Extortioners' reprieve

Tokyo.– The extortion gang harassing Japanese firms since the spring has urged senior police officers to relax the investigations over the traditional new year holidays (David Watts writes).

Hinting that its members are about to take some time off themselves after a successful under-the-table deal with one of the victim companies, the group wrote in a letter sent to newspapers in Osaka: "Relax at Shogatsu (New Year), you will be busy after January 15."

The gang, which calls itself "The 21 faced mystery man", said in the letter that it had taken one million yen (£3,300), from a company in the Kobe area a week ago.

PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE

Peru: The Ayacucho teenagers

By Caroline Moorehead

Four teenage boys, Henry Luis Medina Quispe, aged 16, Oswaldo Cárdenas Quispe, aged 15, Yuri Alejandro Simbrón Simbrón, aged 14, and José Rudy Jaime Peralta, aged 16, are all reported to have "disappeared" after being detained by the Army in Ayacucho, a remote highland region of Peru.

Observers fear that they may be in the custody of the Ayacucho Political Military Command and could be subject to torture and extra-judicial execution. Yuri Alejandro is believed to have been tortured at Huanta police station.

Scores of teenagers are known to have been detained by hooded members of the security forces and "disappeared", either indefinitely or for varying lengths of time in nine provinces of the highland departments since December, 1982, when the Military Political Command, headed by an army general, was established to administer the area.

The departments have since been placed under a state of emergency and there have been constant reports of torture, as security forces have sought members of the guerrilla organization *Sendero Luminoso* (Shining Path). The bodies of teenagers stripped naked and showing signs of torture have been found in Ayacucho province. (There is also evidence that Sendero Luminoso has executed young people).

The rebels have recruited some students from Ayacucho secondary schools, a fact used by the military to justify widespread arrests.

Chances for UK in Taiwan

From cheap replicas to high-tech

Taiwan, or the Republic of China, publicly refuses to accept that Hong Kong, the conduit through which so much of its trade with the rest of the world pours will in 1997 become part of Communist China. In this second report on Taiwan's attitude to the agreement Mrs Thatcher will sign tomorrow, Charles Wilson outlines the dangers to Taiwan's economy and what the Government in Taipei is doing about them.

TAIWAN Part 2

Intellectuals and politicians in Taiwan share the same belief about the relationship with Peking – that the civil war which seemed in the West to be lost when Chiang Kai-shek fled with two million of his followers to Formosa in 1949 is still going on.

Although the shooting has long since stopped, the economic war is hotter than ever and the difference in size and population only lends a David and Goliath quality to the battle. Taiwan people are convinced that their own economic success and skill will be the slingshot which will win the fight for the minds of the people of the mainland.

"We are like Avis... we have to try harder," says Dr Yu-Ming Shao, chairman of the Institute of International Relations, the Government's think-tank.

"The Peking Government is getting very anxious because we have become not a military threat but an economic ideological and a psychological threat. We are a huge embarrassment for them because we have a vastly superior system with a standard of living their people can't even dream about.

"The Communists know they cannot use military force. We spend 40 per cent of our GNP on defence and have a million troops. Although they might win in the end, it would be at terrible cost. The people on the mainland would not stand for such a war with their own ethnic people. So we believe that in the current equation they will not attack."

From across the narrow Taiwan Strait, Deng Xiaoping offers alluring promises if only Taiwan will acknowledge Peking control – political autonomy, the retention of the freebooting capitalist economy and the huge army. Now he holds up the Hong Kong deal as proof that Chinese and will be one great and enormously powerful nation.

Already, many Taiwan goods flood on to the mainland by Hong Kong's back door and Westerners puzzle over Taiwan's refusal to engage in direct trade to boost its exports even higher and to let business begin to erode the distrust on both sides.

"We have to be very cautious," says Dr Shao. "Some businessmen would like it but we would be running the risk of becoming an economic hostage. They could lure us in, make us economically dependent on their market, and then gobble us up.

"We tell ourselves that it is not a good market. There are a billion people, but they are so poor..."

As the final signing of the agreement has approached, the sound of the Hong Kong door closing has grown louder and Taiwan has become more desperate to encourage increased direct trading with the West.

As Taiwan's standard of living increases, so too does a taste for Western living... the people who invented the takeaway saw the opening of their first McDonald's restaurant in Taipei in January. Its first year's turnover will be more than $5 million – the biggest hamburger outlet in the world. Three more have opened since and six more are imminent.

Years of cheap labour production and high selling have caused enormous trade imbalances with Britain, the United States, West Germany, The Netherlands and Belgium.

Now the Taipeli leaders are anxious to be seen to encourage imports, to cut tariffs, to move away from cheap-labour export industries into well produced high-tech goods, and to remove another embarrassing commercial peccadillo, counterfeiting.

It is still possible to buy what appears to be a Rolex watch for £6 in a Taipei street market but what are by local standards draconian measures are being taken to put the sometimes brilliant replica factories out of business.

In the first nine months of last year, more than 200 companies had their export licences withdrawn with heavy fines and jail sentences of up to five years for the principals.

"We want to buy more from Europe, particularly from Britain," says Pan Chin-Sheng, deputy director general of the Board of Foreign Trade. "But you make it very hard for us. The British businessman is still very conservative. He hesitates and allows his opposition to get established in our market before him.

"Your government also makes it difficult for us. A businessman here in Taiwan has to get a visa from Hong Kong to go to Britain. It takes up to six weeks; and there is a stupid formality of depositing a guarantee of £2,500 here in Taipei.

"We need machine tools, chemical products and some raw materials. We can take high tech products, computers, engineering goods and transport equipment.

"Currently, 40 per cent of our imports from the UK come via Hong Kong and agents there take between 1 and 3 per cent of your turnover. We would like you to come direct."

Concluded



High-profile defence: A Taiwanese officer looks across the 1,000 yards from Quemoy Island to Communist China. Taiwan spends 40 per cent of its GNP on defence.

Trimaran crew rescued after 17 hours in sea

New York (Reuter) – All five crewmen from a capsized French trimaran were rescued after spending 17 hours clinging to the hull, the US Coast Guard said yesterday.

The Medecins Sans Frontière, skippered by Jean-Yves Terlain, capsized 600 miles south of Bermuda while taking part in a race from Spain to Santo Domingo following the route of the 1492 voyage by Christopher Columbus.

The trimaran overturned when it ran into 16ft waves created by high winds.

The crew did not have time to send a distress call, the Coast Guard spokesman said. But a crewmember flipped a switch activating an automatic satellite-linked alarm system, known as Argos, which broadcast a distress signal and the vessel's exact location to the US Coast Guard Rescue and Coordination Centre.

All the rescued crewmen were reported to be in good shape despite their ordeals.

SPECTRUM

The day before UNICEF publishes a disturbing report on the state of the world's children,

Caroline Moorehead reveals that British youngsters too are increasingly at risk

Our children under siege

As the year ends in one of the most prosperous countries of the world, it is clear that though British children are not starving to death their position and prospects have declined in the last decade. Today the British child is smoking more, drinking more alcohol, sniffing more glue and injecting considerably more heroin than he would have done in the mid-1970s. He runs away more often from home and, having committed more crimes is more likely to serve a custodial sentence.

He is three times more likely to be living on or below the Supplementary poverty line, and will much more probably come from a broken or one-parent family from whom he will receive less attention, affection and security. This year, one child each week was battered to death. Usually it was a boy, aged less than a year, and he died from head injuries.

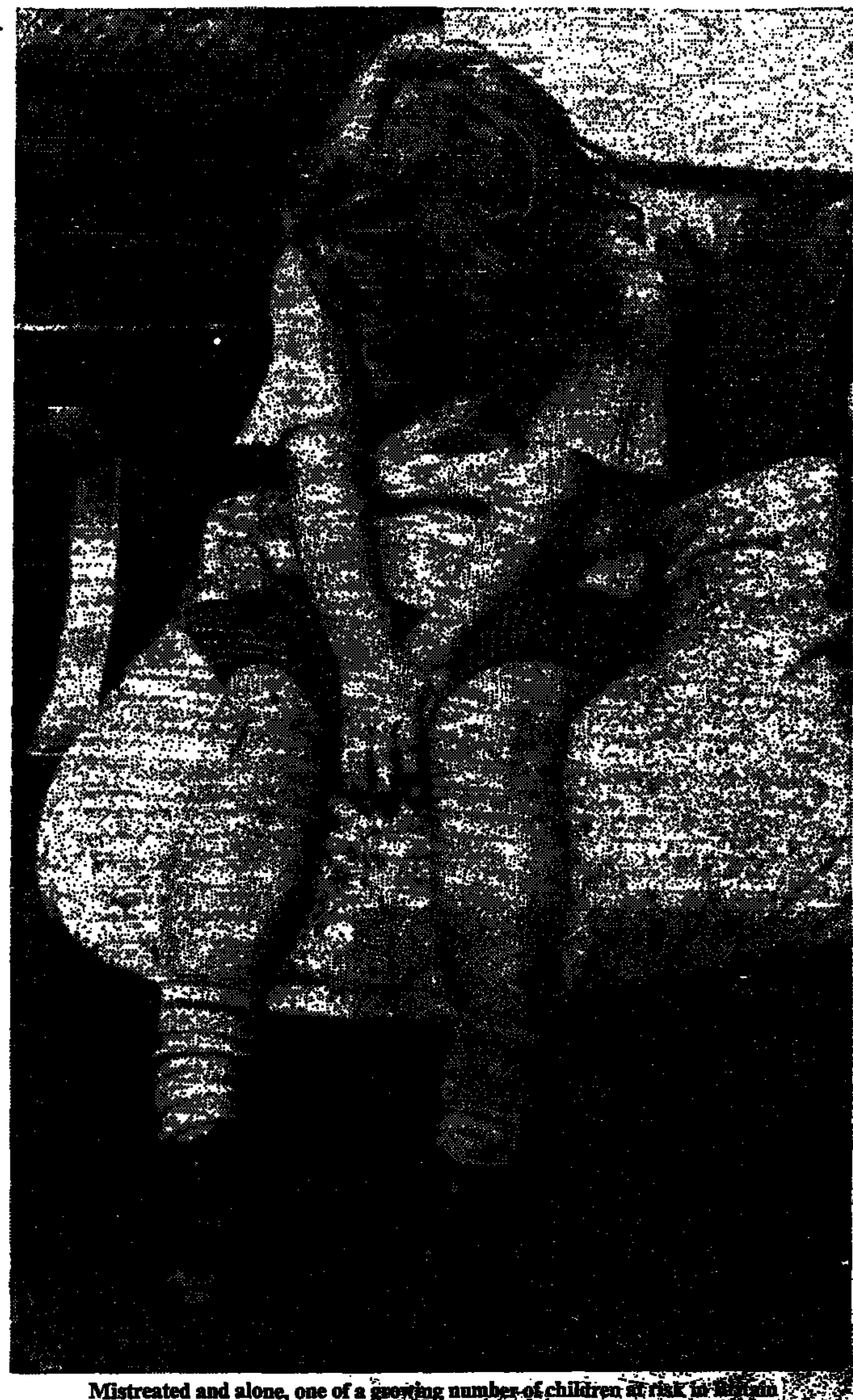
There are today just over 12 million children, more of them boys than girls, in the United Kingdom. While legitimate births have declined by nearly a third in 20 years, illegitimate ones have doubled. One in eight of all families is now a one-parent family, an increase of just over 70 per cent in 10 years.

Meanwhile, the fastest growing group of statutory orders on children is matrimonial. So confused is the civil law governing family matters that a couple can have three children in care for the same reasons, under three different statutory provisions: one order in the Juvenile court, one in a county court and another in a High court. Each has its own rules on evidence and appeal.

The last decade has seen a virtual tripling of the number of children living within what the Child Poverty Action Group considers as poverty or its margins, from 1.25m in 1974 to 3.68m in 1981, the last moment when comparable figures were available. That number has undoubtedly risen. "Increasingly, we're finding poverty in families with children", says Ruth Lister of CPAG.

"These last years have seen a definite shift away from pensioners and towards children." Particularly hard, she adds, is the fact that while poverty grows, so do the expectations of poor children, as advertising on television promises a future of home computers, automatic cameras and innumerable desirable gadgets.

It is obvious that poverty cannot be linked to all children's ills. However, as the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children reveals, more than 50,000 children are now either being battered every year (more of them, but less seriously, than in the 1970s) or mentally tortured, neglected or emotionally starved, and that nearly two-thirds of these families are receiving supplementary benefits – a steady rise from less than half in 1977. (That year 35 per cent of fathers in battering families were unemployed; five years later, 58 per cent).



Mistreated and alone, one of a growing number of children at risk in Britain

"There is no simple causal connection of course," one child worker said. "But there is equally an obvious and complex interraction between unemployment, stress, vulnerability and child abuse." A father who has lost his job, the NSPCC research shows, may well try to reassert his authority through violence.

Violence perpetuated both on the young and by the young is up. Sexual abuse, the subject of widespread enquiry both in England and the United States this year, has been consistently under-reported for some time. From figures gathered in 1983, it would seem that there are 0.09 cases per 1,000 children – 81 per cent of them girls – as compared with 0.63 per cent of physical abuse. If you include indecent exposure and [illegible] incidents, as many as half all girls may suffer some experience of sexual abuse before their 18th birthday.

Children themselves are participating in the overall rise in crime. Indictable offences, like bodily harm, blackmail, arson and housebreaking among those over 10 and under 17 rose from 83,000 in 1972 to 90,000 in 1982. (In the United States – but not here – arson is reaching what public officials call epidemic proportions. Increasingly, the fires are being set by children. In 1982, 20,000 people were arrested for arson, an increase in four years of 13 per cent. Of those almost half were under 18. A few were aged between four and eight. Nearly all were boys.)

Matching the rise in crime, there is a tremendous increase in the use of custody for young offenders, despite a new law, the Criminal Justice Act of 1982, which should have resulted in the opposite. Last year, 3,000 juveniles received custodial sentences.

To the violence about them and to the disintegration of their families, children are increasingly responding by running away. One boy recently spent three weeks in the woods avoiding police; another ran from an unhapy home 22 times in a year. Centrepoint, set up in 1969 as London's "crash pad" to offer refuge for teenagers at night, turns away about 1,500 would-be residents a year.

In the last three years, a growing number have been under 16, and as many as one in six, according to one worker, were illiterate. Surprisingly, perhaps, the national missing figures on the Metropolitan Police's computer [illegible] rise in those under 18 who [illegible] missing at the end of each year. Some 25,000 juveniles disappear every year. Twenty thousand are found within three or four days. At the end of 1983, 266 boys and 18 girls under 14 had not been found, and 1,074 boys and 1,346 girls between 14 and 17 were not yet accounted for.

The social habits of children are harder to clarify. There was no national survey of smoking before ASH, the anti-smoking campaign, pressed figures from the Government in 1982. What they know now is that 11 to 16 year-olds are currently spending nearly £60m a year on smoking, and that 27 per cent of 15 and 16 year-olds claim to be regular smokers.

Drink-related offences among those under 18 have tripled in just over 20 years with a peak of 5,754 in 1980. Cocktails and spirits are [illegible] popular with [illegible]. In 1974, [illegible] new juvenile drug addicts were notified to the Home Office [illegible] figure was 879 but the Standing Conference on Drug Abuse consider [illegible] reality these figures should be multiplied at least five times.

Health and education show a more reassuring, if still somewhat mixed pattern. Fewer children today leave school with no qualifications (20.4 per cent in 1974; 9.6 per cent last year), more have access to nursery education (11 per cent in 1976, 22 per cent in 1983) and teacher pupil ratios have grown smaller at both primary and secondary level. However, the National Union of Teachers [illegible] these figures [illegible] 1974 and [illegible] diminishing [illegible].

If cot deaths [illegible] in 1971, 1,222 [illegible] perinatal and infant mortality rates are down, [illegible] still stands well [illegible] Japan, [illegible] Spain, Canada, France [illegible] Australia. Children with [illegible] needs, on the other hand, [illegible] something of a boost when the 1981 Education Act did away with the old stigmatizing categories of handicap: today, more are receiving better education and staying on longer at school.

It is perhaps in the field of [illegible] there has been the [illegible] revolution of the decade, of a positive kind. "Ten years ago it was a service for childless couples," says Tony Hall of the British Association for Adoption and Fostering. "Today it is for children who need parents."

When changes in the abortion law and attitudes towards one-parent families and contraception dried up the original flow of healthy white babies for adoption, Tony Hall was among those who pressed hard for an aggressive programme of finding homes for older and handicapped children. (Throughout the rest of Europe and America, where the same thing had happened, the response to not enough white babies was to turn to bringing in "intercountry" ones, a subject of much anxiety and controversy.) The tactics of the adoption agencies have been generally successful.

Tony Hall proudly reports that last year homes were found for 538 [illegible] children. [illegible] years ago only one was placed. However, he adds that an 11-year-old in care for six months [illegible] per cent of chance [illegible].

[illegible] pattern of economic [illegible] and decay [illegible] many children's [illegible] and campaigning organizations return to when considering British children in the 1980s. "The nature of family life, with more divorce, [illegible] women working, and the increasing [illegible] of [illegible] mate relations is leading to a scale of emotional problems which may well turn into the crisis of our century", said an officer in the British section of Save the Children Fund.

"Over the last ten years, the position, for all children, has got worse. Children [illegible] count for less in British society than they did."

THE FACTS

1982 Total United Kingdom population 56 million
Population under 16 12 million
Abortions girls under 16 4,245
One in eight of all families a one parent family. One in six of all children likely to need some special education.

POVERTY
(on, below or on margins of Supplementary Benefit level)
1974 1.25 million
1981 3.68 million

CHILD ABUSE
1984 50,000 children physically and mentally abused, neglected and emotionally starved
600 severely with injuries to bones, head etc.
52 battered to death

CRIME
(Indictable offences in children of over 10 and under 17)
1972 83,000
1982 90,000

ADDICTION
Notified young drug addicts tripled in nine years
One child in four a regular smoker at 15-16
Driving offences in under 18 year olds tripled in 20 years

MISSING

1983	boys under 14	266
	boys 14-17	1,074
	girls under 14	18
	girls 14-17	1,346

ADOPTION
1968 24,831 adoption orders in England and Wales
1983 9,029 adoption orders in England and Wales

Partners in the sponsorship game: Tim Bell (left), Anthony Quayle and Derek Hornby

The art of getting theatre sponsors

The key words to remember, according to Anthony Quayle, are coerce, wheedle, charm and beg. Do all four in sufficient quantity and you might find yourself halfway up a queue of umpteen other aspiring arts companies knocking on the door of private industry and asking for crumbs from the big business dining table.

Quayle, now a lively 71, is the man who made the Stratford theatre into the respected institution which is now the Royal Shakespeare Company, and then, sick of finding that administration took up more time than acting, left it all to make a series of films – some good, such as *Ice Cold in Alex*, some simply awful.

Last year, he announced the formation of Compass Theatre, a new touring company designed to live half on the Arts Council grant and half on private income. A nice idea, said the theatrical world, but doomed to failure. For a start, Quayle's first production [illegible] Home [illegible] right [illegible] of about £250,000 [illegible] found from a combination of public and private sources. The Douglas Home play, a comedy about the banning of foxhunting, called *After The Ball Is Over*, opens in March, too early to attract support from the Arts Council, where the financial year begins in April. A small fund set up by the council to help touring companies in particular is already exhausted.

If Compass gets what it wants from the Arts Council for the other two plays, the money will probably come in the form of "challenge funding" in bureaucratic terms for [illegible] principle. It means that the Arts Council offers, say, £100,000 in support, but only if you go out and raise a further £100,000 yourself from other sources.

Since every other arts company is in the same penurious boat, that is no easy task. Sponsorship is a relatively new facet of Conservative arts policy, and one in which great faith is being placed. It is no coincidence that the job of secretary general of the Arts Council, when it became vacant two years ago, went not to a proven arts administrator, but to Luke Rittner, who was then heading the Association of Business Sponsorship of the Arts. But it is still a hazy and unproven idea, and the fate of Quayle's company may well prove just how workable the notion really is.

How do you go about convincing British business that backing the arts is worthwhile? It helps, of course, to have influential friends, and Compass has been well blessed in that respect. Tim Bell, the ebullient chairman of Saatchi & Saatchi, and a close confidante of the Prime Minister, chairs the board. Quayle cornered Bell after being employed on the voice-over work for the Conservative Party television commercials produced by Saatchi during the last election, a job he continues to perform during the odd party political broadcast.

Over lunch Bell decided that he liked the idea and became the chairman of the company. Though he never reveals the fact in interviews, he also ploughed £50,000 of his own money into Compass. Roy Kinnear, who had been approached by Quayle to join the first play, suggested a meeting with a Rank Xerox executive, now the company's chairman: Derek Hornby.

Before entering industry Hornby had worked as administrator at Stratford for three years, though shortly after Quayle had left, and the two men had hardly met.

Hornby looked at the company's position, diagnosed cash flow problems and arranged for Rank Xerox to guarantee an overdraft – "which, in the end, it turned out Compass didn't need, because it broke even on the year".

Bell says: "To be honest, I was quite surprised that Tony had experienced any trouble getting funding for the idea because it's such a nice one and his track record is so good. For the future we think our operating costs will be about £15,000 a week so our total for the six months will be about £350,000. On top of that we have the cost of the production, between, say, £70,000 and £90,000 each, say £250,000 for all three. We think we'll more or less cover the operating costs from box office income, leaving us with the £250,000 to find from elsewhere."

Even such a persuasive personality as Bell finds the going hard on the sponsorship front. "We don't fall naturally into any sponsorship category. It's not really like Coca Cola paying for a tennis tournament where they know their name will end up on television. We're talking about an invisible, abstract concept.

"But attitudes are changing. If you are operating in a country, it is probably reasonable to do things that make you part of that country. If you're part of people's lives, then they will get to know you. Some people just want to use it as a place to take their customers.

"I don't think many sponsors want to put on "the Martini production of St Joan," or "the Ford King Lear", but if you see a play in which someone comes on with an airline bag then I don't see why the airline shouldn't sponsor that bit. There's a huge business in future films where people pay according to the number of times their particular brand of cigarette is smoked. In the Bond films they are charging around £100,000 a product."

Hornby is keen on local sponsorship in the towns on tour. "In a local area, if you are a major employer there are a number of things you can do as a sponsor. Most companies want to put something back into the community."

The Compass local price lists offers, for £5,000, 70 tickets, a credit on all advertising material and programmes, and the attendance of the cast at a reception after the performance. Not every Thespian wants to go backstage after a performance and hobnob with officials from a local building society, of course.

"But I have to drag them along to do it," says Quayle. "It's part of the job. We need sponsors like that." The actor says that his aim is to create a high-class touring company "before I'm too old to do it".

At the heart of Quayle's company lies the belief that theatre is an art form, not a building or an administration. It remains to be seen whether the private sector shares that belief.

David Hewson

The big business backers

Britain's [illegible] biggest arts sponsors are the National Westminster Bank and BP. NatWest is currently handing out nearly £750,000 a year to a diverse range of recipients, from local community groups to the Royal Eisteddfod, and the Institute of Contemporary Arts. The bank's biggest recipients [illegible] Shakespeare Company, which [illegible] around £200,000 to [illegible] New Sadler's Wells Opera [illegible] about £100,000. The next biggest recipient is the London Festival Ballet which received £50,000 to fund [illegible] work.

BP spends more than £500,000, and says that it likes to support groups which are particularly involved in education and work with young people.

The present trend of arts sponsorship is heavily weighted towards classical music in London. At least half of the £15m spent on arts sponsorship is spent in London, and the same figure goes on classical music, opera, and ballet.

Mr Colin Tweedy, Luke Rittner's successor as director of the Association of Business Sponsorship of the Arts, said: "Most of the money is spent in London because that is where people have their headquarters, and therefore they want to entertain where people are. But we are detecting a move against this.

Business sponsorship of the arts had risen from £600,000 in 1976 to its present £15m a year level, Mr Tweedy said, but there was still a wide gap between its funding and the £100m of public money spent by the Arts Council each year.

"The base is broadening. More and more arts groups are getting sponsorship each year, but more and more are asking. It's a dramatic increase in the number of hands grasping at the money pot, but the cash isn't increasing at the same speed".

moreover . . . Miles Kington

A quick check-list of some of the films you might see in your local cinema this Christmas.

Gutbusters. A new American comedy about ghosts.

The Real Spectre Hound. Comically inventive remake of *The Hound of the Baskervilles*. A large replica of Ealing Studios was erected on top of lonely Dartmoor, and the entire film shot on location inside it. Either the whole story takes place in thick fog, or we saw a particularly bad print.

Where Gremlins Roam. Same film, different title.

Blockbusters. A new American ghost comedy about lots of money.

The Ghoul from Ipanema. Low-budget Latin American mystery movie about Astrid Gilberto, a girl who vanishes mysteriously in the 1960s after being terribly famous and just as mysteriously resurfaces 20 years later.

The Ghoul in Red. New Gene Wilder ghost comedy, not unlike old Gene Wilder comedy, in turn not unlike early Mel Brooks comedies, which may or may not be like early Woody Allen comedies. Anyway, lots of ghosts.

Ghostwriters. New American comedy about a missing script which never quite turns up.

Give my Regards to Broadway Danny Rose. A tribute to the art of Woody Allen, made by Woody Allen. The plot, insofar as there is one, concerns a young man who loses a new LP by Paul McCartney. Unfortunately, it turns up near the end. The whole film was shot in a replica of New York constructed in London, because the tube is safer than the subway.

Give my Regards to an Exact Replica of Strawberry Lane built Somewhere on the Outskirts of London. Two-hour documentary on the ceremony surrounding Paul McCartney being made a Freeman of the City of Liverpool. The missing mayor turns up near the end.

Dambusters. Ghostly thriller about large walls that keep falling down in Germany and letting vast expanses of water run through the nearby countryside. Is the supernatural behind it? Are poltergeists at work? Or is it something to do with the mysterious British planes that are sighted from time to time by a superstitious German peasantry? And who cares?

Killing Fields. The best moments of the great comedies of W C Fields, stitched together into one hilarious film.

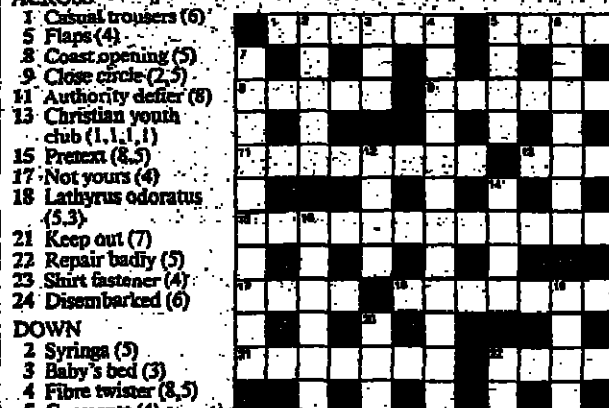
Ghostbuskers. Eerie film about the vagrant musicians who play in the London Underground. You know how you hear guitar music coming from round the next corner, and when you get there there's no one there? This film suggests it's all done by the ghost of the early Bob Dylan coming back to haunt the '80s. How this is possible, considering Dylan is still alive, is never quite explained.

The Slipper and Danny Rose. Jewish comedy retelling of the Cinderella story by Woody Allen. In this version the pumpkin turns into a New York subway train and Cinderella finds herself in the Bronx on the night of the party. An exact replica of the Bronx was built at Pinewood Studios and then blown up by demolition experts to make it look more like the Bronx.

Merry Christmas, Mr Carroll. David Bowie plays the legendary Victorian photographer, Lewis Carroll. The film tracks his growing fascination with young girls and tells how he is saved by being even more fascinated by himself.

Private Function. Brilliant new English comedy. All about the making of a brilliant comedy called Private Function – wherever it is shown, the passers-by see the words Private Function outside the cinema and assume it is closed.

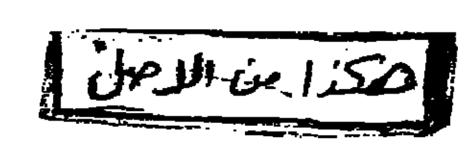
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5 Flaps (4)
8 Coast opening (5)
9 Close circle (2,5)
11 Authority defier (8)
13 Christian youth club (1,1,1,1)
15 Pretext (8,5)
17 Not yours (4)
18 Lathyrus odoratus (5,3)
21 Keep out (7)
22 Repair badly (5)
23 Shirt fastener (4)
24 Disembarked (6)

DOWN
2 Syringa (5)
3 Baby's bed (3)
4 Fibre twister (8,5)
5 Garments (4)
6 Blunder (7)
7 Object magnifier (10)
10 Disturbance queller (10)
12 Benefit (4)
14 Footwear (4)
16 Peach-like fruit (7)
19 Army chaplain (5)
20 Money reserve (4)
22 Currant roll (3)

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How the British sank their first Cognac Courvoisier

Cognac has long been a favourite of the British.

As far back ... Dr Samuel Johns... following observatio...

Claret is for boy... men. But cogna... heroes.

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Courvoisier is the only cognac to be honoured with The Diploma Prestige de la France, the French award for excellence.

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He loaded two ships wit... variety of provisions, includi... cognac supplied by Emman... Courvoisier.

In 1860, Felix Courvoisier was appointed official purveyor of cognacs to the Court of Napoleon III.

Napoleon subsequently chan... ed his mind and decided to gi...

Courtesy of Napoleon.

himself up to the British.

All his belongings, including the cognac were eventually transferred to the HMS Northumberland, thus giving the British officers ample time to taste the cognac.

In fact they got such a taste for it that Courvoisier became known as the cognac of Napoleon.

Courvoisier is still made in the same way, using the best grapes of the Charente area of France.

All brandy is not cognac. Cognac can only be produced from the grapes of the Charente area of South West France, where conditions are ideal. Ordinary brandies can be produced anywhere, from almost any fruit.

It is matured in oak casks for a longer period than French cognac laws decree and blended by Master blenders, who serve an apprenticeship of at least ten years.

The Courvoisier we drink today is made in the same way as the Courvoisier that Napoleon kept under his hat.

COURVOISIER



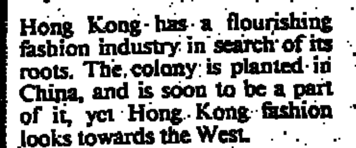
Le Cognac de Napoleon

The Born Leader

HONG KONG FASHION I

by Suzy Menkes





Enticing the



Embroidered satin dressing gown by Lim Ying Ying £162, Harrods lingerie. Ivory silk tuxedo jacket £96 and pyjama trousers £72 both by Fenn Wright and Manson from Younger Set, Harrods, Knightsbridge SW1. Cherry blossom tree from Neal Street East, Covent Garden WC2.

Tomorrow Mrs Thatcher arrives in Peking to sign the treaty to hand the British Crown Colony to mainland China. Chairman Deng Xiaoping heads a country of one thousand million potential consumers. The Hong Kong fashion industry has found its markets and its inspiration in the West. But designers are now examining their cultural identity

Hong Kong has a flourishing fashion industry in search of its roots. The colony is planted in China, and is soon to be a part of it, yet Hong Kong fashion looks towards the West.

The streets may echo with the click of Mah Jong counters, but also with Western high heels. While mainland China is still encased in Mao suits, Hong Kong's fashion uniform is jeans and designer labels.

This thrusting city with its outlying territories is the third largest fashion exporter the world, with figures that show a beanshoot growth. Hong Kong was once known for the cheap and shoddy, but it is now trading upwards as surely as the Peak Tram climbs to its panoramic heights. As you look down from the top at the sweep of the South China Sea and huge container port, you are looking at a manufacturing base with the capacity to clothe the entire western world. It is an awesome thought.

Behind the coastal ridge and its undulating New Territories lies a vast and untapped market which Hong Kong is culturally and strategically placed to serve. The dragon is already stirring, as the People's Republic of China takes its first tentative steps towards creating a consumer market for clothing.

Hong Kong's fashion success so far has come from being fast on its feet. As the market for cheap T-shirts and cut-price separates moved away to lower-cost countries in Asia – Taiwan, Singapore and even China itself – Hong Kong deliberately decided to increase its fashion content. Even if those other countries follow its lead, they still have a long way to catch up, says George Blaney, deputy executive director of the Trade Development Council, which was set up in 1966 and has majored on fashion promotion.

"We have established ourselves as reliable and fashionable and the entire infra-structure of Hong Kong makes it comfortable for people who trade," says Mr Blaney. "We are already on that upward escalator and we are moving on at a relatively faster pace."



It is a neat metaphor for the urban shopping malls and walkways which make Hong Kong Island and the Kowloon side into an endless conveyor belt of fashion.

The most influential of these shopping areas is the Landmark – a monument in white marble and splashing fountains to the international designer labels. These are the status symbol clothes for the chic, wealthy Hong Kong ladies, the "Tai Tais" as the Chinese language graphically describes them.

In fact, Hong Kong itself is increasingly a manufacturing resource for upmarket designer names – not for the high fashion collections, but for the more regular lines that need to be made in quantity to a high standard.

I watched Giorgio Armani menswear, the Krizia Mirrors collection, Perry Ellis multi-patterned cashmere, Valentino and Ungaro labels all rolling off the high tech Japanese computerized machines at Top Knitters, who justifiably style themselves as "the name behind the labels".

Capturing the Italian designers was a source of particular pride, says Elizabeth Woo Li of Top Knitters, who did her fashion training in New York.

Hong Kong has worked hard to lose its sweat shop image, but designers need to play an active part in the industry and build up an indigenous look, says Judy Mann. She set up this year a group of 29 designers to promote Hong Kong style, in the local market as well as overseas, and to recruit and encourage young designers.

"A lot of people criticize us for not being creative enough," says Judy Mann. "We want to be creative, but we also want to succeed. I have a factory and a shop dependent on me, and personally I have to be commercial and I have to think internationally."

Judy Mann's clothes are high quality separates with a sense of Italian style, which is currently the main fashion influence in Hong Kong. Her fabrics are all imported, mostly from Italy, for the colony is a major textile importer.

"What we need is eccentricity," says Ragence Lam, who trained as a fashion designer in London at St Martin's and the RCA before going back to his roots in Hong Kong. Ragence Lam is now exploring Chinese culture, cutting funnel and pagoda sleeves, using ethnic accessories like Chinese sandals and coolie hats, and even cutting coats and jackets out of traditional straw matting.

"I am beginning to feel a sense of belonging," he says. "I don't really have any roots, but now that we see more of the mainland Chinese, I feel a need to identify".

The problem for Hong Kong, artifically cut off from its own cultural heritage by British colonial rule and the barriers put up by China itself for the past 30 years, is which part of China to identify with.

Jenny Lewis is fascinated by Imperial China and her collection of antique embroidered robes was the starting point of her fashion career. Now she finds herself an English-born designer to whom the Chinese come for festival *cheong sams*. She also uses skills of mainland China for the elaborate beaded dresses in Western styles which she exports.

Jenny Lewis's dresses, with their rivers of colour flowing like shaded paint across a simple shift, are made in China, although she finds working with the Chinese a problem as there is no clear chain of command within the factories and no conception of the demands of fashion.

Chinese culture is delicately expressed in Hong Kong in the lacquer red sausages hanging on the street stalls, in the pale antique jades and porcelain pots, even in the vivid neon signs in Chinese characters on

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HONG KONG FASHION II

Dragon



Hong Kong designers: Above left to right:– Jenny Lewis, Hannah Pang, Diane Freis. Ragence Lam, Kai-Yin Lo, Eddie Lau.

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the Kowloon streets. None of this rich heritage is seen in clothing.

Eddie Lau says that the range he designed for Chinese Arts and Crafts was inspired by the colours of traditional porcelain. Working in China, he has produced patterns and blocks of colour for simple dresses, often combining silk with wool.

"I want to upgrade Chinese silk," he says. "But the idea of a Chinese fashion feeling is more complex. I want to introduce it in a subtle way, deciding a suitable direction for oriental women."

There are only a handful of designers who have managed to capture the upmarket local clientele. Others include Walter Ma, who has a couture cut and international inspiration, David Sheekwan, who looks creatively at Hong Kong's traditional asset of knitting. Hannah Pang makes interesting leatherwear.

Kai-Yin Lo's jewellery, with its tactile combinations of carved and polished stones, of flat wood and bone with rough turquoise and splashes of coral, has brought her international renown and a flourishing export market, especially in the United States.

But where, I asked Lucia Carpio Chu of the Hong Kong Trade Development Council, do the ordinary people shop? She took me to Causeway Bay, where there is a series of Japanese department stores.

There are 10,149 manufacturers of apparel in Hong Kong and more than a quarter of a million people employed in the fashion [illegible] Japanese [illegible] the [illegible]

Kong [illegible] Freis [illegible] signer [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] Hong Kong [illegible] they [illegible] series [illegible] difference."

Diane Freis [illegible] Hong Kong's [illegible] fashion [illegible] she makes [illegible] dresses a year almost entirely for export, with a designer [illegible] producing quality [illegible]

Behind [illegible] and the small band of Hong Kong designers stand [illegible] of fashion manufacturers whose success is written in the plus signs on the export figures.

Exports of clothes and accessories rose by an overwhelmingly impressive 44 per cent at the last count (June 1984). The total value of these exports was 3.4 billion.

The UK rates third in the world for Hong Kong exports behind the United States and West Germany. The only cloud in the thin blue sky that stretches over Repulse Bay, is the protectionist policy in the United States, which now insists that a country of origin label is specific.

Communist China is already an export market, 12th on the list, the figures up 85 per cent.

"It is a phenomenal increase, a quantum leap," says George Blaney of the Trade Development Council. "At the lower end we cannot compete with China and they know we can't. But the Chinese are now asking us for help in choosing products and marketing at the Canton and Shanghai fairs. China has to offer us a colossal amount of land and a colossal amount of labour. We can offer them channels of communication and the largest and best equipped port on the South China Sea."

It sounds like a perfect match. The marriage contract will be signed tomorrow in Peking.





The siren call of the West for the traditional Chinese craft of bead embroidery. English-born designer Jenny Lewis, cream dress with scallop sleeves completely embroidered in sequins in the People's Republic of China. From a selection, £840 from Harrods Designer Evening Wear, Knightsbridge SW1.



Far right: Antique and modern with [illegible]

Right: Fuchsia pink [illegible] dress [illegible] for Fenn Wright and Manson by Top [illegible] Hong Kong. Also in black, royal blue and red £52.80 from Harrods, Dickins and Jones, Regent Street, Chantelle, Southsea [illegible] Windsor [illegible] Southsea. Abstract patterned silk over-skirt by Fenn Wright and Manson from above stockists. Stud earrings by Kai-Yin Lo from Harrods.

Hair by René Gelston for Schumi. Make-up by Marilyn Dupris. Photographs by NICK BRIGGS

FASHFLASH

● Products to make your man beautiful solve Christmas problems.

You can give your man a right royal treat with a range of grooming accessories from the Duke of Edinburgh's crimper. Rubia Cologne (£14.35), after-shave (£7.39) and soap (£3.04) are all designed for Gentlemen (who else?) from Truefitt and Hill, 23 Old Bond Street W1.

[illegible] the more deserve a luxury [illegible] soap. It comes in a [illegible] travel [illegible] with an After Shave Soothing Balm and a Sports Eau de Toilette by [illegible]

Another up-and-away set of [illegible] shaving foam comes in a Twin travel pack from Monsieur de Givenchy.

● You can save time and money with festive season offers. Aramis [illegible] the Present for the [illegible] in your life. [illegible] Perfect [illegible] Kit in a tortoiseshell case [illegible] £10.50 comes [illegible] offered with any purchase of [illegible] or cologne.

● Sports-minded men might find some of the Boots' Sports range of 17 fresh-smelling body-beautiful products under the Christmas tree. Look for sponge on a rope (£2.50), Body Bronzer (99p) and Body Fitness Rub to moisturize (£1.25). Membership of a health club [illegible] present. Get the [illegible] a healthy start [illegible] Centre, 11 F[illegible]

● Last dash [illegible] Liberty print [illegible] (£11) from a [illegible] Liberty, Regent Street W1. Christmas tree and snowmen socks (£7.50) from Browns, South Molton Street W1. Christmas pudding print boxer shorts (£4.99) from Next for Men countrywide.

Tough and trendy – canvas and ridged rubber bags, portfolios and notebooks (from £12) at Astrohome, 50 Neal Street WC2. Gunmetal and brown leather watch £37 from Practical Styling [illegible] Giles High Street, Centrepoint W1.

● [illegible] pour l'homme – Paul Smith's vintage cufflinks (from £[illegible]) at 44 Floral Street WC2 and Nottingham.

Christine Parnell

THE TIMES DIARY

Creamed off

Strawberry Fields forever? Apparently not. John Lennon, whose song immortalised the Liverpool Salvation Army children's home in whose grounds he played as a boy, obviously reckoned without the hard-left city council and its pursuit of "municipalization". Tomorrow the council is expected to rubber-stamp a social services committee decision to stop sending children to voluntary homes such as Strawberry Fields in order to keep open two under-used council-run homes. Captain David Botting, the officer in charge, says that starved of children Strawberry Fields would face closure; Liberal councillors describe the plan as "municipal vandalism" motivated by "blind dogma".

Speller bound

Secret service spooks listening to phones at CND headquarters would have been intrigued by one of the calls received on Friday. It came from the office of backbench Tory MP Tony Speller, who asked for a copy of the CND booklet *Trident: Britain's Independent Arms Race*. "No, it's not for Mr Speller", conceded the caller when pressed. "It's for Mr Heseltine's private office."

Bad tidings

The latest "Happy Christmas" edition of *Ford News* is filled with 20 pages of news of record-breaking Ford cars, league-topping sales, and improved salaries – everything, in fact, except mention of the month-long strike that has laid off 10,000 workers, cost them about £600 in pay each and halted production of some £200m worth of cars.

Book Marx

Foyles had not expected to find itself in the front line of miners' violence. Last Thursday, however, the bookshop found Coal not Dole stickers plastered across the window displaying Nicholas Hagger's *Scargill the Stalinist*. Later protestors invaded the shop itself, and stuck more stickers across the bookshelves. Now Foyles has been threatened with broken windows unless the books are removed. Far from complying, it has ordered more.

From each

I hate to spoil Mikhail Gorbachov's pilgrimage to Karl Marx's tomb in Highgate cemetery tomorrow but the Chinese have preempted him. Three weeks ago Chinese vice-premier Tian Jiyun made a secret early-morning trip to pay his respects at Marx's tomb during an unpublicised stopover on his way to Africa. The Friends of Highgate Cemetery, struggling to keep the burial grounds open, may not be above trading on Soviet-Chinese enmity, especially where rival claims to the founder of modern communism are concerned. Gorbachov's entourage will doubtless be informed that Tian gave the Friends a generous cheque and the promise of continued support.

BARRY FANTONI



"Perhaps now they'll be known as the *shorter* life assurance company"

Hurdle cleared

The Foreign Office has given the go-ahead to the latest novel by its former Minister of State, Douglas Hurd, puffed by Hodder as a wry account of the decline and fall of a Foreign Office minister. Hurd and his former private secretary, Stephen Lamport, will put the finishing touches to *The Palace of Enchantments* over Christmas, content in the knowledge that the FO mandarins have accepted their disclaimer it is set in "an alternative present" where, for instance, a twittish upper class ambassador holds the post in a non-existent country.

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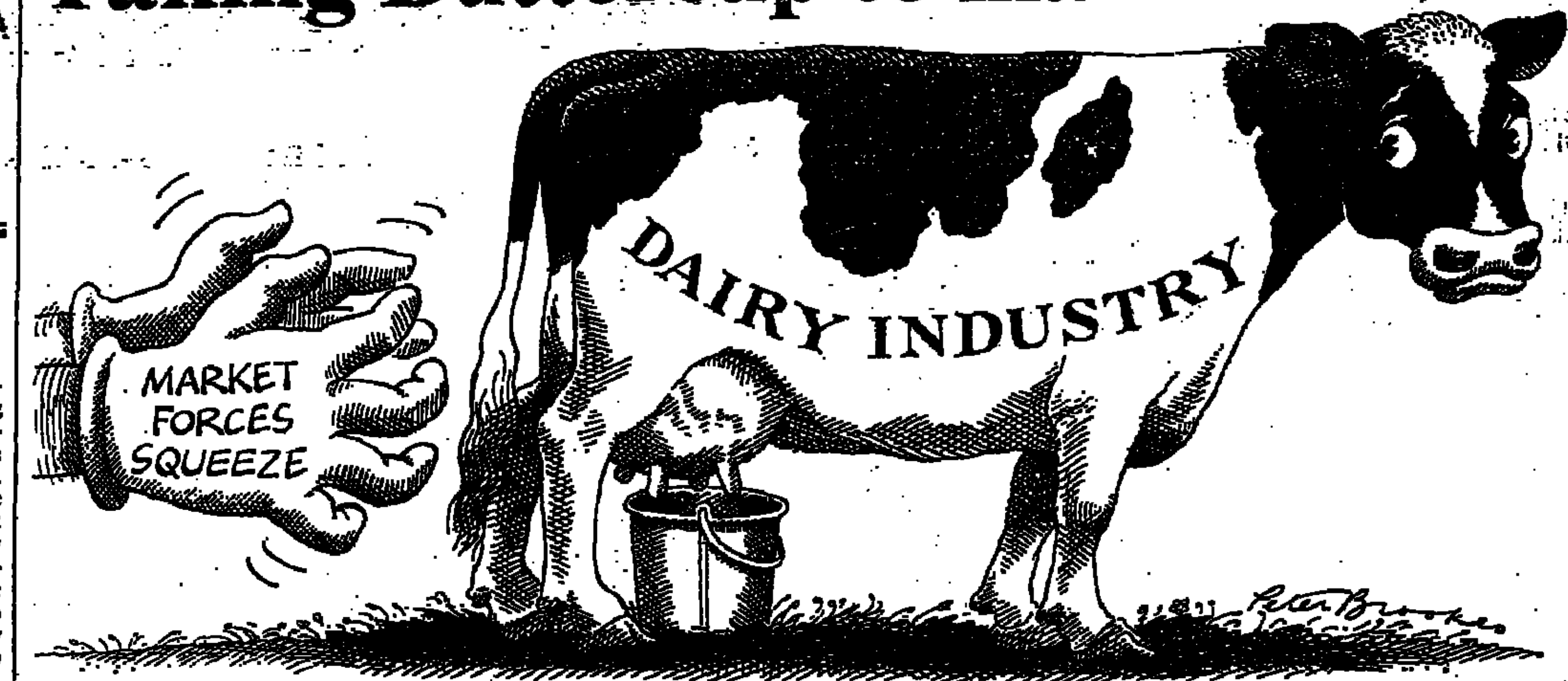
So much for modern music. Various "electro-acoustic pieces" were broadcast recently by the Radio 3 programme *Music in our Time*. Unfortunately the tape of one, by Margaret Sambell, was played backwards. But for the composer, not a listener noticed.

Eye aye

Private Eye has obviously gone soft after 23 puritanical years. W. H. Smith – dubbed W. H. Smug by the *Eye* – has agreed to dirty its fingers and stock it from February. Yesterday Smiths insisted it was not the content it had objected to, but the fear of libel action; it is now convinced that distributors are seldom named in actions. *Eye* editor Richard Ingrams told me: "It doesn't mean we've gone establishment. I've still to win a libel action, and we'll still be calling them Smugs."

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Taking Buttercup to market forces



by John Young

Perhaps the clearest sign that the Government wants a shake-up in British agriculture, with market forces given greater prominence, is its decision to end price controls for milk and to hold an inquiry into the relationship between the Milk Marketing Board for England and Wales and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Dairy Crest.

The board began life in 1933 as a farmers' cooperative and is still owned by its members. Ironically the man expected to head the inquiry is a former Labour agriculture minister, John Silkin, who has always been considered a staunch supporter of the board and only two weeks ago was appointed an adviser.

The inquiry has been provoked by the board's acquisition of 16 Unigate creameries in 1979. Dairy Crest, which was set up to run the manufacturing operation, is now Britain's largest producer of butter and cheese, with 80 per cent of the home-produced butter market.

Although the board is legally forbidden to sell milk more cheaply to Dairy Crest than to other producers, their close relationship is still suspected and resented within the industry. The European Commission in Brussels has threatened to withhold up to £25m in payments to Britain if it is satisfied that manufacturers have been supplied with milk at artificially low prices.

This has not been a good year for Britain's dairy industry. Nearly nine months after the imposition of production quotas, intended to reduce or at least stabilize the EEC butter, cheese and milk powder mountains, farmers are as confused and uncertain as ever. Reduced production could lead to plant closures and redundancies; the industry's structure could be undermined by the Government's decision to end price controls.

Few people outside the industry are aware of how huge and complex it is, involving some 40,000 producers (farmers, not cows), five milk marketing boards and, on the distribution side, some of the largest conglomerates in Britain. Although consumption has been declining steadily for some years, primarily for health reasons, the doorstep "pinta" is still a significant enough element in the retail price index for the Government to have baulked at ending controls until it was satisfied it had inflation on a leash.

Under the present arrangements the five milk marketing boards (England and Wales, three in Scotland, and one in Northern Ireland) buy more than 98 per cent of milk off farms; the exceptions are the few producer-processors who make and sell their own cheese or who have contracted to sell, say, cream or ice cream to local shops.

The price the boards pay to farmers is based partly on the doorstep price for liquid milk, which accounts for about 60 per cent of total sales, and partly on what butter, cheese and other food manufacturers are prepared to pay for their supplies. It is widely accepted that the balance has become distorted, and that the Government's decision to let market forces take over will prove to be a wise one.

Controls were originally introduced in 1940 to prevent wartime profiteering. Ever since then the Ministry of Agriculture has annually decreed both the price to be paid by the boards to farmers and the maximum doorstep retail price.

By carving up the doorstep market among themselves (how often do you see more than one milk float in the same street?) dairy giants such as Express, Unigate, Northern and the Co-op have never had to undercut one another, and the maximum price has always been the accepted retail price. This cosy cartel has suited the milk marketing boards very well; it has allowed them to pay high prices to farmers, and it explains why both the boards and the Dairy Trade Federation have gone to such lengths to extol the present delivery system.

In Europe, where doorstep deliveries are rare, a different view is taken. The British retail price, 22p a pint, is the highest in the EEC, and our dairy companies are regularly accused of using the high returns from liquid milk sales to subsidize butter and cheese manufacture.

In an ordinarily competitive market things might be seen differently, but this is no ordinary market. It is heavily over supplied – from New Zealand, Denmark, the Netherlands, France and West Germany as well as from Britain, and consequently large quantities of butter and low-grade Cheddar cheese have to be bought up and put into storage.

Almost every report on the industry has recommended changes in the present price structure, until now with no result. The decision by Michael Jopling, the Minister of Agriculture, to withdraw his civil servants from the arena altogether is therefore a much more radical step than it might appear.

It might be asked whether the boards are still necessary. The question is guaranteed to make any dairy farmer shudder. For him they are his sole protection against being exposed to a repetition of the 1930s when the dairy firms ruthlessly drove prices down and forced farmers into bankruptcy.

The alternative might be the kind of large producer cooperatives which exist in northern France. But this would immediately create an imbalance between those near large centres of population and those, as in west Wales for example, remote from their markets. One thing to be said for the boards' monopoly is that farmers large and small, wherever they are, receive a uniform guaranteed price.

Bernard Levin: the way we live now

Freed from dogma but it's still tyranny as before

Pliny got it wrong (the old fool got most thing wrong, if you ask me); it is China, not Africa, from which there is always something new. And nothing could be newer than recent reports that the *People's Daily* has been hinting that Marx and Lenin can no longer be considered invariably useful guides to economic policy.

The extent of the novelty, mind you, should not be exaggerated. No doubt Messrs Felix Greene and Neville Maxwell, on hearing the announcement, must have had 77 separate kinds of fit, but nobody with a scrap more sense than a Labour councillor in Islington would ever have imagined that Marx and Lenin could be taken seriously as guides to anything but Highgate Cemetery and Red Square respectively.

When the Gang of Four were arrested, *following the death of their* leader, it could have been regarded as no more than the elimination of a rival group by the new masters, together with the settling of scores. So it was, but gradually it became clear that China was set on a new course; not only had the insane frenzy of Maoism been brought under control – it would have sooner or later destroyed the country altogether if it hadn't been – but an extraordinary note of realism, quite unknown to any of Stalin's successors except Khrushchev (and even in his case only briefly), began to be heard in China.

Deng has been gradually changing China's economic policies for some time now; Mao managed simultaneously to ruin Chinese industry, agriculture and education, and Deng's attempt at the salvage of all three has been marked by a realism that must be most refreshing to his people. Already, peasants have been given a very limited but apparently genuine economic autonomy, and there has been much talk of a similar encouragement of individual business enterprise. But that need not have been supported by any statement of theory; as the Soviet bosses have shown, anything at all can be said to be in accord with the sacred scriptures of Marx and Lenin, and Deng Xiaoping could have handed over the entire country to Marks and Spencer, or even the Pentagon, while still insisting that he was following the doctrine of the Great Teachers to the letter.

Instead, there seem to have been suggestions that Marx has been dead for 101 years (Chinese arithmetic was always of a very high standard), that some of Marx's ideas are not necessarily and always appropriate in today's conditions, that there were many things that Marx, Engels and Lenin did not experience, that there are many questions not written in books, and that one cannot take a dogmatic attitude towards Marxism.

Never mind the obviousness and absurdity of the whole painful business; regard only what it reveals of the distance that China's present leader has travelled. If a man has always maintained that the earth is flat, he is surely to be commended if he now says that it is shaped like a rugger-ball; in the words of David Frost's judge who lets off a rapist with a string of convictions for homosexual offences, this is a step in the right direction.

It will be interesting to see how the unreconstructed Marxist-Maoist fellow-travellers in Britain and elsewhere take this news; some will denounce the Chinese leaders for following the capitalist road, others will simply follow round the U-turn, others again will fall into a stupor of bewilderment. But that is not what chiefly concerns me in the new Chinese situation.

For let us not suppose – though, alas, many will – that one blind swallow, its feathers bedraggled, its beak cracked, its eggs addled, makes glorious summer out of a winter of discontent. There is no sign at all, whatever limited reforms confined to the economic sphere may be instituted, that the people of China are becoming any more free, or that China's ruler has any intention of allowing them to. It remains true that there is no right or indeed possibility of peaceful political opposition (no one knows how many people are imprisoned in the Chinese Gulag, though they certainly include the contributors to the hand-written newspapers on the famous "Wall of Democracy" that flourished so briefly a few years ago), there is no system of independent justice or of a right to trial, there is no assumption of innocence for any accused person, there is no freedom from secret arrest and imprisonment, there is no liberty of writing or publishing or speaking, there is no artistic freedom, there are no trades unions, there is no freedom of movement about China or from directed labour, there is no right to leave the country, and while we are about it, I may as well mention that there is no right for consenting adults to practise homosexuality in private.

It may be argued that all the political freedoms will follow on the heels of the economic ones; indeed, it *will* be so argued, by those who are not quite brazen enough to argue that the political freedoms already exist. We have been hearing that claim from South Africa's apologists for years, and there is still no sign of it actually happening. And in any case, there is no sign in China that more than the most limited form even of economic freedom is being contemplated.

If a man is chastising you with scorpions, and then abandons the scorpions for whips, you will experience some slight relief. But you would be rather overdoing things if you felt a great rush of gratitude to your tormentor and thanked him most warmly. It is good that a tiny crack of sense has opened in the wall of nonsense that has hitherto surrounded China's economic way of life, not only under Mao but also under Deng. But it is so far only a crack; and even if it should develop into a massive fissure it will mean nothing to the Chinese other than that they may in time become less poor. It is good to be less poor; it is better to be more free. When Deng Xiaoping announces that real freedom is to be permitted to the Chinese, *and makes* good his claim, I shall believe that something fundamental has changed there.

I can wait.

The NUJ and The Journalist

The monthly newspaper of the National Union of Journalists recently had a brief respite from its control by the far-left in the union, a respite used not only to moderate its political screaming, but to turn it into a very good journal, well written and well laid out. Alas, the editor who brought this about, Tony Craig, has gone, and an election for his successor is *now in progress*. My own Branch, the London Freelance, which is now firmly back in the hands of the extremists – and, incidentally, it is one of the largest in the union, with some 10 per cent of the membership – has held up the despatch of ballot-papers to members, though these have been available for some time; the despatch date will now be Tuesday, December 18, nicely calculated to get delayed, overlooked or even lost in the Christmas post-rush. (The 18th is the day *AFTER* the last day of posting for Christmas of second-class mail. And ballot-papers must be returned by January 14.)

Would all NUJ members who wish to keep the Union's paper sensible and representative of the membership please note that of the four candidates, the most likely to do that is STEVE PATERSON, and the second most likely is DAVID TURNER (who, though a Communist, is – I am assured by advisers in a position to know – a cautious professional who would not use the paper for party ends). Since the election is by Single Transferable Vote, members *should not* vote with an X, but with numbers. Moderates should put 1 against Paterson, and 2 against Turner; they should not use any further vote.

The brief span of Salvador's bridge of hope

Bridges are a favourite target of El Salvador's guerrillas. More than 60 have been blown up since the civil war began. But the guerrillas appeared willing to make one exception, as a token of their commitment to the new peace effort.

A decision to build a bridge spanning the Torola river was the most concrete result of the first talks, in October, between the US-backed government and guerrilla leaders. The government agreed to lay a bridge over the river and the guerrillas agreed not to destroy it. The river, which runs from east to west across the mountainous northern province of Morazan, has been an unofficial border between army and guerrilla-controlled territory for most of the civil war.

The bridge had been imported by the army from Britain two years ago. An engineer at the construction site described it as a refined, more resistant version of the Bailey bridge, a simple design developed during the Second World War.

Since early 1981 the only way across the Torola river had been through it. Remains of the original bridge and its first Bailey replacement, destroyed by the guerrillas, lie rusting in the river bed. A bridge is vital for the war-battered province's subsistence economy and the new one had become a symbol of the local people's hopes for the future. "While the bridge stands there's a chance for peace," said one construction worker. "The minute it goes, you'll know the war is going on till the bitter end."

In Meanguera, just north of the river, there has been no electricity since 1981, when a thousand families lived there. Now there are only 18 families, 14 of which have arrived since the first peace talks. Mortar shells have made holes in the roofs. Bullet holes mark the walls.

Most of Manguera's original inhabitants now live in appalling squalor in refugee camps to the south, where air force bombardments are fewer and the fighting less intense. A 52-year-old man who had just brought his family back after three years said he decided to return home when he heard the bridge was to be built.

"A lot of people in the refugee camps are packing their bags and getting ready to come back", said the man, cheerful in the bright heat of the town square. "The bridge means work. It also means the guerrillas and the army are humanizing the war."

The day before the bridge was due to be opened something happened to show how wishful were the people's expectations of peace. Shots rang out. The crackle of automatic rifle fire was followed, in familiar escalation, by bursts of machinegun fire and then the thud-thud of exploding mortar shells.

A lorry full of soldiers had driven up to the bridge and guerrilla lookouts across the river had opened fire, initiating a 20-minute battle. By thoughtlessness or design, the accord had been broken.

Lying in a ditch for cover, the bridge workers' buoyancy turned to bitterness. "Remember that old Mexican song," asked one, "the one that goes 'life isn't worth a damn'?" There were no indications of guerrilla or army casualties, but one of the men at the bridge dripped blood from a bullet wound on the side of his head. "Down tools, boys, we're going home", said the foreman, feeling betrayal and disgust.

A few days later the guerrillas' distrust of the army got the better of their desire for peace. They blew up the bridge, and with it the hopes of thousands, an indication that talks or no talks, it looks like business as usual in El Salvador's civil war for a long time to come.

John Carlin

Phillip Whitehead

A tax to channel the BBC's way

It is licence fee time again. Not since the late George Howard took over St Paul's Cathedral to give thanks for the BBC's 60 glorious years have we heard such hosannas to public service broadcasting. The BBC is skilled in these matters. A rise in the licence fee from £46 to £65 is emolliently described as still below the level of inflation in real terms. Wealthy politicians and cheerful professors pronounce the higher fee a snip, real value for money. (You can say the same, of course, of Rolls-Royces). The plans unveiled speak of modest expansion all round. Nothing is to be curtailed or abandoned. The Consumers' Association survey is quoted to demonstrate that the public are willing, nay eager, to pay up to £75 for the service they want.

The opposition groups around another standard. Why increase a spectacularly regressive tax, if some of the services to be provided can be charged to the market? The Prime Minister has shown her unerring populist instinct in letting it be known that she has no objection to advertising on the BBC to supplement an increase in line with inflation, rather than the BBC's ingenious formula "broadcasting inflation". Others clamour for advertising for reasons of their own.

The agencies want it because they could then smash the ITV advertising monopoly, and shrink the rate cards. Some Labour MPs want it as the simplest way of keeping down the cost of a tax which hits the poor hardest. A MORI poll last week was used to show that 70 per cent of the public would prefer to freeze the licence fee at its present level, but top up with those fluid advertising funds.

In all this the BBC is nervously aware of how over-extended it is, both in territory and argument. On the left and right of the political spectrum it hears voices which criticize it for form as well as content. With the Prime Minister entering the lists, the Corporation's counterblast against advertising sounds an uncertain trumpet. It is not, they say, that it is wrong in principle. There just isn't enough of it to go round, and they wouldn't want to bankrupt the newspapers, independent local radio, or even some ITV companies, would they?

The suspicion will linger in some minds, remembering the tactical switch into local radio and into breakfast television, that there is nothing they would like better.

But let us stick to the principle. It is very simple. Any Canadian or Australian will spell it out to you. A mixed system changes the game. The will of governments to increase the public commitment varies inversely with the proportion of advertising revenue. The more you have to take, the more they will make you dependent upon it.

In Britain the principle that broadcasting outlets should not have to compete for the same source of funds would be abandoned when the first jingle sold the first soapflake on Radio 1. The problem for the BBC is that it has already sold the pass on the inviolable licence fee by proposing supplementary charges for the satellite service which it over ambitiously sought to provide.

The BBC is doing too much, because it believes it must do everything. As broadcasting goes it is not notorious for inefficiency but the new dependencies have brought a strain to management as well as to resources, and to production quality most of all. Sooner or later the BBC governors will have to look at the present staff malaise, which is not just a matter of money. The moment may come all the sooner if the BBC is told that it can only have a £10 increase in the licence, with the poisoned chalice of advertising offered as well. There are those in the Corporation who would seize it.

I hope the governors will ask themselves if the BBC really needs to be majority holder in satellite broadcasting, dominant in local radio, controller of all national radio and over half of national television. Is this the moment when self-government might come to the constituent parts of this broadcasting empire? Might radio now be separated from television, with its own licence fee, and a new editorial voice and thrust for technical innovation? Should other activities, like local radio, be kept within the remit of a national corporation, even a separate one?

If the requested licence fee increase to finance "modest" expansion across the board is not forthcoming, these questions will have to be faced. Then the pluralist case for public service broadcasting can raise its head, and the defenders of the redistributive principle can speak out. Imported videos, ultimately parasitic upon broadcasting and the cinema, are to our time what the colour television set was to the *1960s*. *A sales tax upon them*, channelled to broadcasting, would enrich the stream which they later divert, as critics of the Films Bill have been quick to point out.

This could be a time for diversity and richness in public service broadcasting. A debate about the licence fee, conducted solely between the Corporation's irredentists and the advertising lobby, does not begin to match the issues involved.

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Roger Scruton

In mourning for an empty barrel

Edward McKenzie, a tramp who lived in a barrel on a rubbish tip, was befriended by Mr Robert Lenkiewicz who called him, in recognition of his singular habits, Diogenes. Mr McKenzie died six weeks ago at the age of 72. His friend, who is a painter, conceived the plan of embalming him, coating him in acrylic, and displaying him naked in his library, where he would perform the function of "a large paperweight".

Mr Lenkiewicz's proposal has met with strong opposition from Plymouth council, which holds itself bound to dispose of bodies according to the statutory requirements of public welfare, and which has therefore threatened Mr Lenkiewicz with legal action under the Public Health Act, 1984. I assume that Mr McKenzie left no instructions in the matter. How, then, should his remains be treated, and to whom (if anyone) does the duty of disposal belong?

A human corpse is the relic of a human person, and heir to the rights and privileges of the living body. To understand the predicament of Mr McKenzie's corpse, therefore, we should understand the life to which it testifies. In retrospect a human life is like a petition, which we honour at last by conferring dignities and titles on its barren remainder. For what, then, was Mr McKenzie covertly petitioning in his barrel, and who has the duty to honour him?

It is a measure of the freedom enjoyed by the British citizen that he may still live as a tramp. Over vast areas of the globe a person who decided to live in a barrel would be instantly suspect, accused of "parasitism", and placed behind barbed wire. For a long time after the invention of the welfare state, good British citizens wondered whether beggars, buskers, tramps and dropouts were still permissible. Should they not be taken into "care"? Should not the state take these people from their misery? "Yes", said the bourgeois conscience, and for a long time "yes" was the received idea.

Fortunately our tramps and beggars have been saved by a singular literary tradition which has constantly reminded us of the value of solitude, and of the natural right of every individual to be unhappy in his own particular way. Beckett – perhaps the greatest defender of the validity of tramping – saw the danger over a quarter of a century ago:

"Let me tell you this, when social workers offer you, free gratis and for nothing, something to hinder you from swooning, which with them is an obsession, it is useless to recoil, they will pursue you to the ends of the earth, the vomitory in their hands. The Salvation Army is no better. Against the charitable gesture there is no defence, that I know of . . ." – *Molloy*.

It seems, however, that Mr McKenzie had found such a defence. Safe in his barrel, in surroundings that no health inspector would willingly penetrate, he saw the welfare state and its work of abject conformity steadily recede from him. There, in that haven of solitude, Mr McKenzie was free at last to fulfil the most basic human need: the need for a personal unhappiness. And there he discovered companionship – the precious state to which sorrow disposes us, and which has no real place in the great project of universal welfare.

Mr McKenzie's companion is surely, therefore, his true executor, and what better discharge of unspoken obligations than to preserve his corpse in defiance of the requirements of public policy? As a varnished paperweight Mr McKenzie would be honoured and vindicated; as the occupant of a council grave he will testify only to the final triumph of the system against which he so heroically defended himself.

Against the literary tradition that upholds the rights of Mr McKenzie, however, there stands another that denies them: the tradition of utilitarianism, which has effectively neutralized the official conscience throughout the English-speaking world. Mr McKenzie's corpse, the utilitarian will tell us, should be disposed of according to the general requirements of human welfare, after the interests of all have been duly weighed.

That way of thinking – which abolishes not only Mr McKenzie's rights but also those of everyone who stands in the path of welfare – is the natural enemy of human dignity. If we take it seriously then nothing is sacred. In the interests of public health and welfare the dead should be seized by the authorities at the very moment of their death, and recycled in the form of sausages and pies.

The inventor of the public morality of utilitarianism was granted a privilege that his successors would deny to Mr McKenzie. In a cupboard in University College, London, sits the corpse of Jeremy Bentham, embalmed, varnished, and surmounted by a waxen head. On special occasions he is wheeled out to contribute once again to the vain calculation of the profit and the loss.

Contemplating those soft, complaisant features, one cannot help thinking how much better Bentham would have looked, and how much less damage would he have done to human life and institutions, had he spent his life on a rubbish dump, sheltered by nothing more indulgent than a barrel.

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TIMES PAST THE TIMES

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INDIAN WINTER

By any standards, watching India practise its democracy presents an impressive and awesome spectacle. With less than a week to go before two days of voting over Christmas, the whole country is in the grip of electioneering already, with nearly 5,000 candidates from more than a dozen main parties traversing the sub continent and trailing many more than a dozen political promises for the millions of votes they need.

And by any standards India's example is unarguable evidence that a free and fair vote can be held in a Third World state. Yet that practice and that example aside, what worries many Indians is that this exercise might also be a demonstration that elections will not necessarily change anything.

India needs change. Its need has never been greater. In Europe, 1984 has produced its problems, but it has produced for India the worst year since independence. Before the election campaigning started, it had already witnessed the cold-blooded killing of hundreds of Hindus by Sikh terrorists, the storming of the Golden Temple, the resulting deaths of more than a thousand soldiers and militant Sikhs, the assassination of Mrs Gandhi and the subsequent communal madness that shook the north. Each event led inexorably to the next, culminating in the bitter alienation of the Sikh community. This month the tragedy in Bhopal was added to that list.

What this catalogue clearly suggests is that the state of India is beginning to crack open and that the fissures run deep. The rise of unchecked religious fundamentalism has cut at the roots of its secular identity. Haphazard economic policies and regulations have retarded development whilst encouraging bribery and inefficiency. Worst of all, the conversion of the once envigorating party system in to a cabal of corrupt men has left the country prey to the exploitation of politicians who are not above using its rifts for their own mercenary ends. Only swift and far reaching changes in the character of India's covenants can heal these wounds.

It was against this backdrop that elections were announced last month. At once they appeared to offer the possibility of a fresh start. An era had ended with Mrs Gandhi, a new dawn would therefore be around the corner. That at least was the hope but as the campaigning has progressed, the performance of India's aspiring politicians suggests that the turning point is being missed and that the country is destined to continue on the old crooked road. This now seems to be the reality. So where does the fault lie?

Perhaps the first disappointment is with the new prime minister, Rajiv Gandhi. Much had been expected of his youthful age, his newness and his vaunted desire to drag India into the twenty first century. In the wake of his mother's murder he could have attempted and got away with almost anything. But, instead of cleansing his party of the inefficient and corrupt he has merely whitewashed it. A few have been dropped but many are retained. Meanwhile, his election rhetoric feeds off the prevalent insecurities of India, exciting fears of potential domestic and external threats, while ignoring the real sectarian splits that divide the country. So whereas Rajiv Gandhi was to have been the beacon of a better tomorrow, he seems instead to have become the channel for the continuation of the past.

For their part, the opposition are once more betraying whatever hopes were invested in them, Since 1980 they have promised and failed to unify their splintered ranks. Now, with Mrs Gandhi's death, they were faced with a make or break situation. Events could have galvanised them into a credible alliance. If they had succeeded in moulding one, they could possibly have been on the path to victory. But they are not and the chance of real change that would have represented has been lost. Instead the individual ambition of selfish old men has yet again triumphed over the needs of the nation each of them so desperately wants to govern.

It is therefore a sombre and passionless India that is readying itself to vote. Sensing this, politicians of every hue are jumping aboard the Bhopal bandwagon, outbidding each other in their expressions of sympathy. Once more a tragedy is being diverted for a political gain. But it is too little, because the Indian voter has already seen through these over-used shenanigans, and too late because the damage to Indian politics, like the devastation in Bhopal, has already been done and the opportunity to reverse it is slipping away.

MR CORBYN'S GAFFE

Anyone who shares the moral sensibility of the vast majority of British citizens will despise and condemn the action of Mr Jeremy Corbyn, the Labour MP for Islington, in inviting two convicted terrorists associated with the IRA to the House of Commons. Mr Michael Cocks, Labour's Chief Whip, voiced the common opinion inside and outside Parliament when he said yesterday that he was "appalled and shocked" by what Mr Corbyn had done. The fact that the visit took place only six weeks after the murders by bombing at the Conservative Party Conference did no more than illuminate the insensitivity of an invitation which would have been reprehensible whenever it was issued. Mr Corbyn, who has publicly declared his support for Sinn Fein (an organization whose "Troops Out" demonstration he has assisted in London) has declared that he "can see no reason why a representative (of the movement) should not visit the House of Commons". If he cannot see that now, there is very little that anyone else can do to give him the required moral vision.

This said, however, there appears to be little in the incident which raises new security considerations at Westminster. Mr Corbyn's two visitors, Mr Gerard McLoughlin, who has served a gaol sentence in England for conspiracy to cause explosions, and Miss Linda Quigley, who was imprisoned for bomb and firearm offences in Ulster, both passed through the electronic scanning machines on entering the Palace of Westminster, as every visitor now must. Beyond the Central Lobby, moreover, a visitor has to be escorted by a Member of Parliament, as were Mr McLoughlin and Miss Quigley. It is true that a general member of the public who, having reached the Central Lobby, declares that he wishes to visit the public seats in one of the Committee rooms (where, say, a Bill is in progress) can be directed to it unaccompanied. But he or she has to pass successive police points on the way at which he is funnelled in the right direction.

It would, however, be quite impractical (even if it were politically desirable, which it is not) to debar certain categories of people from the House of Commons since admission to the public gallery rightly takes no account of the opinions and reputations of visitors, but only on their behaviour on the premises. How, indeed, could it be otherwise so long as the public galleries are genuinely galleries for the public? Moreover, well over 700,000 visitors a year come to the Houses of Parliament, to galleries, committees, functions and so on, and it is valuable that they should do so. Over recent decades, the formerly relaxed intercourse between people in public life and members of the public has, alas, had to be constrained. We now have to live with passes, barriers and scanners because of terrorist threats. But it is important that security, as well as being adequate, should not be more constraining than is necessary. There is no reason for it to be tighter than it is at Westminster if Members and others there behave responsibly.

As for Mr Corbyn, he can be left to the moral judgment of his peers in Parliament. To say that he should not have invited these two persons to Westminster is not to suggest any bar on convicted felons who have served their sentences and expiated their offence. It is merely a recognition of the folly of bringing to Westminster people who have had connection with an organization dedicated to its struggle against parliamentary democracy by murder and the bomb, and who have not given any sign of changing their opinions. It is on this point that Mr Corbyn will be found wanting by MPs of all parties, but there is nothing they can do about it. The only people empowered to do anything are those who have the responsibility of selecting and electing him to Parliament. It would be democratically reassuring if they remembered this incident when Mr Corbyn's tenure next comes before them.

A BREATHING SPACE FOR THE ARTS

The health of the living arts in Britain has long ago ceased, in the public and political consciousness, to be measured in terms of number of new plays put on the boards or tonnage of new sculpture unveiled. The vital figure is the one announced by the Government yesterday: the level at which the Arts Council's grant is to be set for the coming year. If the grant rises by more than the current rate of inflation (as is again the case this year), then the arts are in a thriving condition; if it fails to, then the hosts of the Philistines are held to have overrun the land. It is a reductive mode of assessment, dictated by a method of financing which guarantees a constant whine of dissatisfaction from lobbyists, aggrieved at the Government and at one another. Ministers for the Arts and Chairmen of the Arts Council soon discover, like Ministers of Health, that all they ever find themselves talking about is money.

After the Minister's Christmastide announcement, the Arts Council broods until springtime on how to allocate its grant to its numerous and plaintive charges. The haggling of special interests is tiresome and somewhat factitious, but doubtless the hubbub in the antechamber of the Medici was no more edifying: the business of patronage necessarily implies the clash of rival claims and gnashing of teeth among the disappointed. Artists naturally resent finding their fortunes dependent on the cold judgement of bureaucrats, and yearn for syndicalism: but one can count on it that they would find themselves at least as resentful of the warm judgements of fellow-artists.

As the new leadership of the Arts Council have quickly found, a bureaucratic largesse is circumscribed by greater constraints than the dispensations of aristocratic patrons were. The arts in general, and individual enterprises in particular, can increasingly count on a vocal constituency of supporters, ensuring that no company of strolling players will simply pack up their props and stroll away without protest if dismissed.

This is not unhealthy, though it may be frustrating, especially in connection with the council's proclaimed strategy of shifting its patronage away from London to give greater support to the provinces. The strategy is correct in the long run, and indeed is only a continuation of a trend pursued since its earliest days. But it is not good policy to endanger successful existing enterprises to promote the hypothetical achievements of untried ones before hypothetical audiences. A steady pace is better than a dash at all costs.

It must be tempting for a government with predispositions like the present one to conclude that the lobbyists' claims could be better sorted out in the market-place rather than in the corridors of power. In fact it has been wisely pragmatic in accepting that a measure of subsidy is essential to the arts, whose product at the innovative end has historically proved too fragile often to thrive in the market-place. Direct state subsidy in Britain is exceptionally low among developed countries (in France it is five times higher, per capita, and even in the USA it is twice as high). Indirect earnings through tourism and cultural exports make it good policy not to clip the wings of the arts more closely.

In the last ten years business sponsorship in Britain has risen markedly, and the Government's enlightened incentives scheme may help to revive a growth which has shown some signs of faltering. But the sharpest difference between Britain and the USA in this area is in the level of individual support through subscriptions and friends' associations. The difference is directly related to the very large tax incentives provided in the USA for activity of this kind. The government there unlike ours foregoes in tax far more than it contributes directly in subsidies to the arts. But in our system, already overburdened with distortions, a very strong case would have to be made out to justify movement in that direction – and also guarantees, unlikely to be forthcoming, that any additional rewards won by the arts from the public, would not be clawed back through cuts in the level of direct subsidy, already so small in international terms.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Wider national interest at Stansted

From the Chairman of British Caledonian Airways

Sir, Any reading of the newspapers over the last two days could lead one to the conclusion that the debate about the national airports policy is concerned principally with the protection of the countryside and environmental issues mainly connected with aircraft noise.

The inspector, Mr Graham Eyre, has dealt with both these issues in his report. He recognised the problem but has argued that the environmental issues are not sufficient to justify the rejection of expansion at Stansted.

There are other issues which, in the national context, are very much more important which have also been addressed by Mr Eyre. It is perhaps necessary to remind your readers of these issues so that the debate about future airports policy does take into account the issues that are important to the nation.

First, air transport is a thriving and growing industry in Britain. Recent growth has been rapid and substantial further growth is predicted. The industry has an excellent record both in employment and creating new jobs. It also has an excellent record in earning foreign currency and in bringing to this country large numbers of foreign visitors who have materially benefited our balance of trade.

For the industry to continue this excellent record, and in particular for it to create substantial numbers of new jobs in the future, there needs to be adequate airport capacity throughout Britain but particularly in the South-east. The inspector has identified very clearly when existing airport resources will be exhausted even if the arbitrary limit of air transport movements at Heathrow is relaxed.

Second, some papers suggest that development of airports in the Midlands, the North, and in Scotland can in some way replace the development of further facilities in the South-east. Airports away from the South-east are all developing strongly, not just because there is a political will for them to develop but because there is a strong demand for air transport which is being met by the development policies of those airports.

All the projections are that the growth of both scheduled and charter services at airports away from the South-east will continue. It will be necessary for those airports to be developed – and BCal strongly supports this principle – but in no way should this further development reduce the capacity requirements in the South-east. Both can and should be met.

Third, and most important, in the newspapers there appears to have been no reference to the interests of the customer. It has been a fundamental feature of Government policy that more attention should be paid to the needs of the customer in all sectors of commerce. The inspector has again considered the needs of the customer and he has found that those needs are best met by the provision of substantially more airport capacity for London and the South-east.

If we want those customers to use British airlines and British airports there is no option but to provide for airport capacity in the area of the country to which they wish to fly, and that is the London area. If this is not done the customer will elect to over-fly to another capital like Paris or Amsterdam.

Any decision which does not favour development of airport capacity in the South-east over the next fifteen years will be a decision which ignores the interests of the customers and ignores the opportunity for the air transport industry to create jobs and earn more foreign currency. In what way could such a decision be consistent with any Government policy objective?

Yours faithfully,
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Caledonian House,
Crawley, West Sussex.
December 12.

From Mr James Boyes

Sir, Your leader today, "Stansted can wait" (December 11), calls for an urgent riposte.

"All logic cries out for the fifth terminal" (at Heathrow), says the leader. What logic? Hundreds of thousands of west Londoners have suffered for years from the noise disturbance of Heathrow and from the often intolerable traffic congestion which this vast airport incurs.

A fourth terminal is in process of construction. A fifth terminal could be only a triumph of expediency over every conceivable environmental consideration.

The equation is simple. On the one hand, the interests of a relatively few, very vocal and, one suspects, predominantly middle-class dwellers around Stansted, who have never suffered any real inconvenience; on the other hand, hundreds of thousands of west Londoners who have already suffered years of discomfort from Heathrow.

Should not the good people of Essex, a great many of whom commute daily to London, take some small share?

Yours faithfully,
JAMES BOYES,
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Parsons Green, SW6.
December 11.

Dartford Tunnel

From the Chairman of the Dartford Tunnel Joint Committee

Sir, Mr Nicholson's letter (December 3) raises an important point when he talks about traffic congestion at Dartford Tunnel negating the benefits of the M25.

The Essex and Kent county councils, which are jointly responsible for the tunnel, have been anxious to ensure that the river crossing does not cause a bottleneck on this important orbital route and were able to build the second tube a few years ago without any financial contribution from either their ratepayers or taxpayers.

Mr Nicholson rightly identifies the toll collection as the primary cause of present delays at the tunnel although I would require convincing that the frequency and degree of congestion are such as to cause the return of through traffic back into central areas like Highgate.

The councils are using Government moneys to double the number of tollbooths and these will be able to cope with the increased traffic using the crossing as the rest of the M25 comes on stream.

However, what cannot easily be improved is the capacity of the tunnels themselves to cope with future levels of motorway traffic and I am afraid that Mr Nicholson's plea for the immediate abolition would, by the attraction of even more traffic, only bring forward the time when serious congestion could be a regular feature of conditions at the tunnel.

The councils have been pressing the Department of Transport for some time now to undertake an urgent study of the need to provide additional cross-river capacity and I would hope that the debate on tolls is not allowed to cloud the real issue.

Yours sincerely,
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Dartford,
Kent.
December 7.

British Council cuts

From Mr G. H. Jackson

Sir, The public is very properly concerned at the erosion of the structure of rural society in many developing countries – part of the desperate problems facing them in the struggle for life of primarily rural communities.

Charitable and international aid organizations are grappling with immediate situations, but in the longer run it is through the development of the individual skills and knowledge of the people in those countries that the best prospects for progress lie.

The Royal Agricultural Society of England has been concerned in this field of activity within United Kingdom agriculture for almost 150 years and in co-operation with others is increasingly involved in similar work overseas.

We receive in our work great help and collaboration from the British Council and over the years have been impressed with the sensitivity, perception and effectiveness of the council as an organization. In the agricultural field of activity the council is a model which other organizations could well emulate.

It is entirely right and proper that government should, from time to time, review funding priorities for overseas as well as United Kingdom activity. It is to be hoped, however, that the British Council which, along with others, has suffered quite substantial cuts in the latest review will be given appropriately high priority for funding. It promotes the British interest to the world in a unique way and for a country which depends so much on the export of its goods and technology the investment is wholly worth while. The council has done much to build necessary bridges between Britain and the cultures of North and South.

In the fast-changing world in which we live, where the headlines of the morning can be memories by the evening, it is all too easy to forget the need for old bridges to be maintained and new ones built.

Yours sincerely,
G. H. JACKSON,
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Royal Agricultural Society of England,
Stoneleigh, Warwickshire.

Risks of vapour drift

From Mr Nigel Dudley

Sir, Frank Perring's letter (December 10) raises the issue of pesticide vapour drift and its hazard to wildlife. The evaporation of volatile pesticides from a crop, and the even greater risk of spray drift during application of any agro-chemical, are also of concern to farmers and market gardeners.

Every year growers lose crops because of pesticide drift from neighbouring land and costs running into tens of thousands of pounds are not uncommon.

The new regulations in the Food and Environment Protection Bill, currently passing through the House of Lords, should stipulate that spray equipment is registered and include provisions for spot checks and fines for faulty machinery to reduce the proportion of unsafe sprayers in operation.

It should also legislate that accurate records of spraying are kept, so that the source of drift damage is more easily traceable. At present it can take up to seven years for a grower to get compensation, even if the source of damage is proved.

Spray and vapour drift is particularly important to the growing number of organic farmers, whose customers are specifically seeking food free of any chemical residue, either through personal choice or because of specific allergy problems. As long as the careless approach to application is allowed to continue, it is virtually impossible to give them this option.

Yours sincerely,
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Suffolk.
December 10.

Monetary returns on a film levy

From the Chairman Goldcrest Films and Television Limited

Sir, I do not disagree with many of the points made by Mr David Plowright (December 12) representing the Independent Television Companies Association. However, he speaks as if the proposed future film levy would be an onerous burden on ITV. This is not the case. Perhaps a few facts would be useful.

It is difficult to know precisely how much ITV pays for its films. We at Goldcrest estimate that the ITV system shows about 360 films a year, that is, approximately one for each day. Of these films about 90 are so-called "first-run films", that is, they are being shown for the first time, and of these films about 10 per cent are British.

We estimate that ITV pays around £250,000 for each first-run film and therefore let us assume that the total film purchases of the ITV system are around £25 million.

A small levy of, say, 5 per cent would raise £1.25 million. It is arguable whether this would be a cost to the broadcasters or would in effect become a cost to the producers. Even if the full cost fell to the broadcasters, which I very much doubt, then the net cost after the ITV levy and tax to the ITV system would be about £250,000, and hence the average ITV company would suffer a penalty of only £25,000 after tax. It hardly seems worth fighting a major battle over such a paltry sum. There are much more serious issues facing ITV.

Despite the small cost to the broadcasters, the effect on British producers could be significant if the £1.25 million levy were redistributed to the 10 per cent of films that were British; then the additional revenue from television would be raised by £120,000 or by 50 per cent on average. This would be particularly significant for the low-budget British subject film which has always been the most problematic category.

Yours faithfully,
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From Mr Michael White

Sir, I had just finished reading David Plowright's letter to you attacking a proposed levy on films on television when the Christmas issue of the *TV Times* and *Radio Times* arrived.

There are over 120 films being shown on television over the Christmas and new year period, which averages over eight films a day. It is therefore hardly surprising that film makers are arguing for a levy, especially as cinemagoing is suffering a further decline.

Even with the munificence of Channel 4, it is extremely difficult to finance films in this country and the average amount of money paid for a film by the television companies is barely enough to make a short. This, coupled with the decline in cinemagoing, leaves the film producer in a serious position, to the detriment of the British film industry.

It is somewhat ironic that Mr Plowright uses the films *Gandhi* and *Chariots of Fire* to illustrate the strength of the British film industry as, without foreign money, perhaps neither of these films would have been made. It is no secret that *Gandhi* took well over 10 years to finance.

The introduction of a levy on films transmitted on television would be instrumental in maintaining the existence of the film industry in this country.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL WHITE,
Michael White Limited,
13 Duke Street, St James's, SW1.

Schoolgirl promiscuity

From Mrs Victoria Gillick

Sir, It was with a depressing sense of *déja vu* that I read the letter (December 10) by eight women journalists of the Mirror Group Newspapers as they expounded their now well-known solution to the growing social and medical problem of schoolgirl promiscuity.

It was in the early sixties, as a college student, that I first became aware that our parents were being publicly vilified in the press, television and films as "squares" and out of touch with the new swinging era of sexual liberation that had begun to mesmerize and engulf the younger generation with the mindless and self-indulgent chorus of "we're doing our own thing!"

Now, 20 years on, these same ardent, if ageing, "Lily the pinks" in the world of female journalism are to be seen hard at work again, promoting this dangerous philosophy to schoolchildren. By appealing to their basic appetites, they are training them to become good, unquestioning consumers in this new, lucrative, child-centred sexual market.

Their present attempt to mask these endeavours by terms of supposed "compassion", cannot expunge from their literary past their consistent efforts in this respect.

Everyone must surely know that all under-age girls are "vulnerable"; and all will become "disadvantaged" once promiscuity and disease rob them of their youth and their educational chances. Hence the law that protects them from sexual harassment whilst they are still under school-leaving age.

As a parent of young teenage children myself, living in a less than perfect world, I am continually aware that this steady erosion of the status of parenthood, by those who still cling to the discredited fashions of a foolhardy era, is making the survival of the family as a cohesive unit well nigh impossible.

Yours faithfully
VICTORIA GILLICK,
1 Old Market,
Wisbech,
Cambridgeshire.
December 10.

Dubious images

From Mr Philip Venning

Sir, The long programme of conserving the magnificent west front of Wells Cathedral is nearly over. Sadly one of the final acts will be a piece of senseless, determined and destructive meddling with what is generally agreed to be one of the finest collections of medieval figure sculpture anywhere. Plans are now far advanced to add new and historically questionable statues to the most prominent position in the whole assembly. This is being done without any attempt at public consultation. A work of art of the first importance is now at risk.

Crowning the west front is a central gable, consisting of three niches flanked by quatrefoils. Until recently the principal niche contained the lower part of an original figure of Christ in Majesty, the top having been lost in antiquity. The other niches and quatrefoils have been empty since records began.

In the fund-raising appeal it was announced that the remnants of the Christ statue would be replaced by a new carving "in the same spirit" as the original. This new statue is virtually finished. In addition the sculptor, Mr David Wynne, has also been commissioned to produce two six-winged seraphim to be placed in the niches adjoining the new Christ.

While we recognize that there is an artistic and theological argument for a more positive representation of Christ, we would nevertheless have preferred to have seen the medieval sculpture, battered and fragmented though it is, conserved in situ. New carving, however inspired and skilled the sculpture, is at best a crude substitute, at worst what Morris called "a feeble and lifeless forgery".

Even more worrying is the proposal for the flanking angels. The evidence that the niches ever contained sculpture is debatable: the identity of what it might have been firmly in the realms of scholarly speculation. Even at this late stage there seems to be confusion about the correct iconography. The result, however well-intentioned, can only be guesswork.

Yours faithfully,
PHILIP VENNING, Secretary,
The Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings,
37 Spital Square, E1.

Passing of exams

From Mr R. A. Whelpton

Sir, This week Channel 4 broadcast an interview in which Sir Keith Joseph, speaking of the new GCSE examination, referred, as he has done previously, to what he regards as the current practice at GCE O level of passing a predetermined percentage of the candidates.

Sir Keith should really know better than to repeat this popular myth: not only have representatives of examining boards frequently denied that this happens, but to my certain knowledge Her Majesty's Inspectors have attended award meetings and have been satisfied that it is the quality of work and nothing else which determines an O-level grade.

For someone like myself, who, as chief examiner in French for one of the biggest examining boards, has been responsible for recommending grades for well over a quarter of a million candidates. Sir Keith's constant reiteration of this untruth is galling.

For the many candidates at present waiting for November O-level results, and for future candidates, not to mention their parents, it must be extremely worrying. Surely Sir Keith owes it to them, if not to myself and my colleagues, to correct the false impression he gives.

Yours faithfully,
R. A. WHELPTON,
25 Hartlebury Way,
Charlton Kings,
Cheltenham,
Gloucestershire.
December 8.

Lest we forget

From Mrs R. Palliser

Sir, Mr Eykyn (December 11) has been sadly misinformed. The flame on the Theodor-Heuss-Platz in West Berlin is not meant to be eternal. That particular flame was meant to burn only until the two Germanies were reunited.

Now, with the realisation that this is unlikely ever to come about, the flame still has to remain because of the outcry its extinguishing would cause, and so it burns up millions of DM-worth of gas in a useless gesture.

The soil collected from the concentration camps "rests" at the Plotzensee Memorial, in West Berlin.

Yours faithfully,
R. PALLISER,
Cosy Nook,
Salisbury Road,
Hoddesdon,
Hertfordshire.
December 11.

Age of chivalry

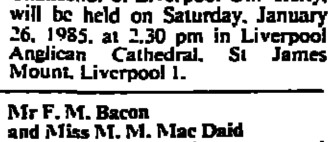
From Mrs Alma Dax

Sir, The other day I took the Tube at Knightsbridge and, as the compartment was full, I stood. To my surprise a Chelsea pensioner in his scarlet uniform got up and insisted I took his seat, saying: "It will do you good to sit down".

You would have thought that at the sight of this gentleman getting up for me everyone would have stood up, but no one stirred and the gallant gentleman stood.

I may add I am 91 and disabled!

Yours sincerely,
ALMA DAX,
48 Knightsbridge Court,
Sloane Street, SW1.
December 8.



COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

KENSINGTON PALACE
December 17: The Duke of Gloucester, President, National Association of Boys' Clubs, this evening attended a dinner to mark the launching of the Association's Diamond Jubilee Year 1985 at the Mansion House, London EC4.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Simon Bland was in attendance.

The Duchess of Gloucester was present this evening at the Westminster Christmas Appeal Trust's presentation of *The Story of Christmas* at St George's Church, Hanover Square, London W1, and afterwards attended a reception held at Sotheby's, New Bond Street, London W1.

Mrs Michael Wigley was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
December 17: Princess Alexandra was present this evening at a gala performance of the pantomime *Jack and the Beanstalk*, in aid of the National Playing Fields Association, at Richmond Theatre, Surrey.

Lady Mary Fitzalan-Howard was in attendance.

Princess Anne, President of the British Olympic Association, will attend the British National/Army Nordic Ski Championships in Zwiersel, Bayerischewald, South Germany from February 3-6.

Princess Anne, Colonel-in-Chief, 14th/20th King's Hussars, will visit her regiment in Hohne, West Germany from February 6-8.

Princess Anne will attend the Chelsea Clinical Society's dinner meeting at the Berkeley Hotel, on February 12.

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will attend the première of *Ordeal by Innocence*, in aid of King George's Fund for Sailors, at the Classic, Haymarket on February 14.

Prince Alexandra will be present at a reception given by the Arts Council of Great Britain and IBM United Kingdom to mark the opening of the Renoir exhibition at the Hayward Gallery on January 28.

A memorial service for Emeritus Professor Robert Whelan, Vice-Chancellor of Liverpool University, will be held on Saturday, January 26, 1985, at 2.30 pm in Liverpool Anglican Cathedral, St James Mount, Liverpool 1.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R. H. A. Southby and Miss N. C. W. Jaxson
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Lieutenant Commander P. H. J. and Lady Anne Southby, of Blandford Forum, Dorset, and Nicola, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Jonathan Janson, of London and the Isle of Wight.

Mr G. D. Alchin and Miss C. L. Cooper
The engagement is announced between Gordon David, son of Mr Peter Alchin and the Hon Mrs Juliet Alchin, of Parkstone, Clenches Farm Road, Sevenoaks, Kent, and Carolyn Louise, daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan Cooper, of 11 Minsterley, Great Lumley, Chester-le-Street, Co Durham.

Mr H. D. Austin and Miss S. M. Hetherington
The engagement is announced between Hamish, only son of Mr and Mrs D. H. Austin, of Windlesham, Surrey, and Suzanne, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs R. J. W. Hetherington, of New Malden, Surrey.

Mr C. I. J. Sanderson and Miss E. H. Rickards
The engagement is announced between Charles, younger son of Brigadier and Mrs C. H. Sanderson, of Wargrave, Berkshire, and Emma, younger daughter of the late Mr A. J. Rickards, and of Mrs A. J. Rickards, of Wokingham, Berkshire. The marriage will take place quietly owing to the death of the bride's father.

Mr F. M. Bacon and Miss M. M. Mac Daid
The engagement is announced between Francis, younger son of Mr and Mrs R. A. Bacon, of Halton, Lancaster, and Moira, younger daughter of the late Mr J. A. Mac Daid and of Mrs M. K. Mac Daid, of Derry, Northern Ireland.

Mr E. F. K. Hutton and Miss C. M. A. Grant
The engagement is announced between Edward, elder son of Mr and Mrs Peter Hutton, of Aldwick Bay, West Sussex (formerly of Woldingham, Surrey), and Catherine, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Airth Grant, of London, SW6.

Mr K. T. McGann and Miss P. A. Fielding
The engagement is announced between Kevin, elder son of Mr and Mrs T. J. McGann, of Cambridge, and Pamela, only daughter of Mr and Mrs C. C. Fielding, of Bickley, Kent.

Mr A. J. B. Mitchell and Miss S. D. Bennett
The engagement is announced between Andrew, elder son of Mr and Mrs D. B. Mitchell of Eaton Terrace, London SW1, and Sharon, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs D. B. Bennett, of Fforestfach, Swansea, Wales.

Mr M. Precious and Miss A. L. H. Brookfield
The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs B. Precious, of The Worsley Arms, Hovingham, Yorkshire, and Amanda, daughter of Mr and Mrs D. G. H. Brookfield, of Hesworth Grange, Fittleworth, Sussex.

Birthdays today

Sir Neville Ashenheim, 84; Sir Brian Batsford, 74; Field Marshal Sir Edwin Bramall, 61; Herr Willy Brandt, 71; Sir Hugh Fraser, 48; Lieutenant-Commander I. E. Fraser, VC, 64; Mr Christopher Fry, 77; Miss Rosemary Leach, 49; Miss Annette Page, 52; Mr Merlyn Rees, MP, 64; Lord Robens of Woldingham, 74; Major-General Sir Reginald Scoones, 84; Mr Joe Wade, 65; the Right Rev R. Williamson, 52.



Architects' president

Mr Larry Rolland, past-president of the Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland, will be the next president of the Royal Institute of British Architects (Charles Knevitt writes).

He beat Mr Peter Jones, director of architecture and civic design at the Greater London Council, by 6,910 votes to 2,991.

Ballot papers were returned by 36 per cent of the institute's 28,000 British and overseas members.

Mr Rolland campaigned for making the institute more responsive to its members, providing better support for practices and giving the profession a higher profile. He will take up the post in the summer.

Bridge trials date

The second weekend of the British Bridge League's trials to determine the open and women's teams to represent Britain in the Common Market championships in Bordeaux in April will take place on January 4-6 at the Grand Hotel Birmingham.

The leaders in the open trials with their carry-forward scores are:
B Shenkin, W Coyle 169; S J Lodge, A R Forrester 132; D Shek, A Calderwood 123½; V Goldberg, G Cuthbertson 116½; K E Stanley, R Smolski 111; R M Sheehan, B Meyers 108½; Dr R J A Buckland, J L Reardon 105; D G W Price, C Duckworth 102.

Latest appointments

Mr Geoffrey Martin to be Head of the European Community's Press and Information Services in South-east Asia.

Mr Bill Griffiths, chief probation officer in Northern Ireland, to be director of the National Council for Voluntary Organizations from January 2, 1985.

Dr Stephen Winkley, Warden of the Sixth Form Centre at Cranleigh School, to be Second Master and *Master-in-College* at Winchester College, from September 1985.

Luncheon

HM Government
Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host yesterday at a luncheon at Hampton Court Palace, given in honour of Mr M. S. Gorbachov, member of the Politburo and Secretary of the Central Committee of the CPSU, and Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Commission of the Council of the Union of the USSR Supreme Soviet, and Mrs Gorbachov.

Reception

Westminster Christmas Appeal Trust
The Duchess of Gloucester was present at a reception and preview of the Christmas exhibition last night at Sotheby's, Bond Street gallery given by the Trustees of the Westminster Christmas Appeal.

She was received by the President of the Appeal and Lady Harlech, the Hon Angus Ogilvy, Miss Jan Leeming (president of the reception committee), Mr Peter Wilson and Mrs Tessa Kilgour (chairman of the reception committee). The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of *Westminster were present. Among* those present were:

The Patron of the Westminster Christmas Appeal and the Duchess of Westminster, the chairman of the appeal trust and Mrs Gerald Powell, the chairman of the appeal committee and Mrs Christopher Benson, the chairman of the organizing committee and Mrs Philip Gay, the Hon Treasurer of the appeal and the Hon Lady Roche; the Bishop of Fulham, the President of the British Property Federation and Mrs Harry Axton, the Minister for Housing and Construction, the Hon Peter Brooke, MP, the Hon Guy and Mrs Norrie, Sir Hugh and Lady Cubitt, Sir Rustam and Lady Feroze, Sir Leslie and Lady Porter, Sir William and Lady Shapland, Sir Michael and Lady Stowart.

Mr Sebastian Coe, Mr and Mrs Michael Denison, Mr and Mrs Gordon Jackson, Major and Mrs Michael Lane, Mr Alec McCowen, Miss Judi Dench, Mr and Mrs Tim Pigott-Smith, Mr and Mrs Anthony Payne, Major Michael Parker, Mr and Mrs Robin Adam, Mr and Mrs Denis Allport, Mr and Mrs Anthony Andrews, the Rev William Maynard Atkins.

Mr and Mrs John Brown, Mr and Mrs Brian Cann, Mr and Mrs Clifford Chetwood, Mr John Ritblat, Mr and Mrs Horace Wilkinson, Mr and Mrs Paul Wates, Mr Julian Glasgow, Mr and Mrs John Osborne, Mr Robert Spooner, Mr and Mrs Richard Hawkins, Mr and Mrs Stephen Norris, Mr and Mrs Dennis Marler, Mr and Mrs Clive Fleet, Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Carter, Mr and Mrs David Connell, Mr and Mrs Sydney Corob, Mr Richard Fulford, Mr and Mrs Brian Hill, Mr and Mrs Jimmy James, Mr and Mrs Trevor Osborne, Mr and Mrs John Quinton, Mr and Mrs Peter Simon, Mr and Mrs John Trustram Eve and Mr Gary Withers.

Dinners

National Association of Boy's Clubs
The Duke of Gloucester, President of the National Association of Boy's Clubs, was the guest of honour at a dinner held at the Mansion House yesterday to launch the association's diamond jubilee. The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by Alderman and Sheriff and Mrs Greville Spratt, attended. The Duke of Marlborough presided and the other guests included:

The Duchess of Marlborough, Mr and Mrs Tony Garrett, Mr and Mrs Rudolph Agnew, Mr and Mrs Rupert Hambro, Mr and Mrs Charles Rawlinson, Mr and Mrs Frankie Vaughan, Sir Bernard and Lady Scott and Mr and Mrs Derek Harris.

National Sporting Club
The National Sporting Club held a boxing dinner at Grosvenor House last night at which Mr Trevor Brooking was the guest of honour. Mr Jarvis Astaire was in the chair and the other speakers were Mr Danny Blanchflower, Mr Alan Simpson and Mr Kenneth Wolstenholme, secretary.

Bird survey counts winter visitors

More than 2,000 birdwatchers began a comprehensive survey at the weekend of the 9,062 miles of non-estuarine British coastline where birds from as far away as Greenland and Siberia come to spend the winter.

About two million birds migrate to Britain every year, and among the species to be included in the survey, organized by the British Trust for Ornithology, are oysterchatchers, purple sandpipers, turnstones, eiders and grey herons.

Results will be fed into the Prime computer based at the BTO in Tring Herts. Further information is available from Mr Mike Moser or Mr Tim Davis at Tring (044282) 3461.

Latest wills

Dr John Robinson, of Arncliffe, North Yorkshire, Bishop of Woolwich 1959-69, whose controversial book *Honest to God*, sold more than a million copies in 12 languages, left estate valued at £145,622 net.

Mr James Picton Evans George, of Orleton, Shropshire, farmer, left estate valued at £1,151,717 net. After various bequests he left half the residue equally between the British Red Cross Society, the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council, Marie Curie Memorial Foundation, Distressed Gentlefolks Aid Association, the General Hospital, Hereford, the County Hospital, Hereford, and the Nuffield Hospital, Hereford.

Dr Robert Press, of Northwood, London, nuclear physicist who was Deputy Secretary, Science and Technology, Cabinet Office 1974-76, left estate valued at £283,960 net.

Mrs Lilian Elizabeth St. John Beahan, of Broadstone, Dorset, left estate valued at £332,970 net. She left personal legacies totalling £20,000, and the residue equally between the Cancer Research Campaign, RNLI and NSPCC.

Other estates include (net, before tax paid):
Hellewell, Mr Frank Wharton, of Gomersal, West Yorshire, retired solicitor £270,726
Horsfield, Doris Winifred Mary, of New Milton, Hampshire £218,441
Klein, Mrs Constance Beatrice, of Whitstable, Kent £353,911
Swayne, Mr William Graham Foard, of Seaford, East Sussex £268,720
Verdin, Lady Margaret Helen, of Tattenhall, Cheshire £331,367

An artist's impression of how the Mary Rose will be displayed after being righted.

Mary Rose to be moved to rest on even keel

By Tony Samstag

The hull of the Tudor warship Mary Rose is to be moved again so that for the first time since the pride of Henry VIII's fleet went down in the Solent more than 400 years ago it will rest on an even keel, the Mary Rose Trust announced yesterday.

When the hull was salvaged in 1982, it was kept at the 60 degree angle at which it had settled on the seabed in order to minimize stress. It has remained at that angle in a steel cradle lying on a pontoon barge in no 3 dock at Portsmouth naval base, where, until the base was closed to the public after the Brighton bombing it had attracted just under 500,000 visitors.

Moving the hull upright will ease potentially destructive strains imposed by the present cradle while enabling restoration work to begin, including the replacement of about 3,000 timbers removed during the salvage operation; and it will make the Mary Rose much more recognizably a ship than a wreck.

From a new viewers' gallery designed to eliminate the worst of the queues, three hours long at times, visitors will have a cutaway "doll's house view" of the ship with its various decks and cabin structures.

Taylor Woodrow Construction has won the £450,000 contract for the nine-month project, which is to begin in the new year. The object will be to cut away the barge and lower the hull, slide the hull in its cradle to the north end of the dock and then complete the rotation to upright position.

Pairs of jacks on each of 12 frames of the cradle will turn the hull slowly to apply as little stress as possible. Engineers will have to work in an atmosphere of 95 per cent humidity drenched by mist sprays of water at near freezing point, the only method of protecting the hull from destructive drying until it can be chemically treated.

MARCH-JUNE
Install support beams and jacks, remove barge and lower onto plinths
Support beam
Jacks
Plinths
Barge
JUNE-JULY
Install shoes, jacks and raking beam and slide cradle transversely
Cradle
Shoes
Raking beam
JULY
Cradle moved to vertical position
Struts

University news

Cambridge
University election
Professor A. G. Gross, MA, PhD, of Trinity Hall, AM (Harvard), Litt D (East Anglia), Roberts Professor of Russian, Leeds University, has been elected into the professorship of Slavonic studies from October 1, 1985.

Awards
Allen scholarships for 1984-85: H A R Benson, BA, Wolfson College and S H Paris, MA, Gonville and Caius College.
Amy Mary Preston Read scholarship for 1984-85: A N M Mawson, BA, Darwin College.
Le Bas research studentships for 1984-85: L C Dunn, MA, St Edmund's House, M Joannou, New Hall, S C S Murray, MA, Jesus College.

College elections
KING'S COLLEGE
Honorary fellowships: the Archbishop of York, Dr John Habgood, formerly fellow of the college and the Earl of Harewood.
MAGDALENE COLLEGE
Schoolmaster fellow commonership for the Lent Term 1986: Mr B C Morgan, of Uppingham School
QUEENS' COLLEGE
Organ scholarship from October 1 1986: P J Walsh, Peter Symond's College, Winchester
S CATHARINE'S COLLEGE
Official fellowship for three years from October 1: R Wardy.
TRINITY HALL
Organ scholarship from October 1, 1985, T D C Hogan, of Winchester College.
DARWIN COLLEGE
Simon Schaffer, PhD, university lecturer in the history of science, to an official fellowship.

London
The Court of Governors elected the following as honorary fellows of the London School of Economics and Political Science:
Mr Etienne Dalemont, French industrialist; Professor Ragnhild M Hatton, historian; Sir Arthur Knight, industrialist; Mr Hasmukh Parekh, leading financial and industrial figure in India; Professor Gordon Stanley Reid, the Governor of Western Australia; Professor Alan Stuart, statistician.

Hull
Honorary degrees of doctor of science have been conferred on the following:
Mr Ken Essex-Crosby, divisional director of British Aerospace; Professor Mary Brenda Hesse, professor of philosophy of science at Cambridge University; The Hon Miriam Louisa Rothschild, entomologist.

Loughborough
Dr John R. Presley BA, PhD, reader in economics, has been appointed to a personal chair in the department of economics. He will also be appointed on January 1 as the first Director of the Loughborough University Banking Centre, the new teaching and research centre on banking and the domestic and international financial system.

Readerships
The following senior lecturers have been appointed readers:
Dr B W Brooks BSc, PhD, DSc, CEng (chemical engineering); Dr J E Harry BSc (Eng), PhD, CEng (reader in electrical discharges in the department of electronic and electrical engineering); Dr D McLean PhD, CEng (transport technology).

Grants
The level of research funding for 1983-84 rose by nearly a quarter over the previous year, the university's annual accounts show.

The 1983-84 figure was £4,836,000, compared with £3,905,000 for 1982-83 and £3,213,000 for the previous year.

Over the three-year period research grants and contracts from government departments more than doubled to £1,062,000.

Britannia passing-out parade

The Vice-Chief of the Naval Staff, Vice-Admiral Sir Peter Stanford, took the salute at the passing-out parade last Thursday when the following officers under training passed out from Britannia Royal Naval College:

Prizewinners, Autumn term 1984
Full-career Midshipmen: Herbert Lott Award for best combined professional and academic results: jointly, Midshipmen J P Rogers and D P Smith; Subject prize – Science: Mid P M Braakenburg; Maths and Engineering science: Mid C M G Hope; German: Mid D A Sherriff.
Short-career Midshipmen: Herbert Lott Award: Mid N Hewson.
Supplementary List Air: Herbert Lott Award: Ag Sub-Lt I J R Daniels.
International Midshipmen: Best combined professional and academic results: Mid G S Gharib, Kenya.
Special Duties List: Herbert Lott Award: Ag Sub-Lt F Nowoselski.
WRNS officers: Herbert Lott Award: Probationary Third Officer J M Brigham; Pauline Doyle Trophy for best parade training results: Probationary Third Officer S L Marshall.
Instructor Officers: Herbert Lott Award: Lt A D Boorer.
Direct Graduate Entry: Herbert Lott Award: Ag Sub-Lt K R Godfrey
Graduate University Cadet Entry: Herbert Lott Award: Ag Sub-Lt A W Stansby
Saudi Arabian Academic Award: Mid A Al Besher.

General List
Acting Sub-Lieutenants: N L Birch, Warwick S; H Doolan, Whitchurch HS; B Luckham, Q Elizabeth R Comp, Wimbourne; S J McMichael-Phillips, Cheadle Hulme S; A W Stansby, Uddehampton Comp.
Midshipmen: S S Allen, Churston GS; M Atkinson, Barnard Castle S; R J A Bellfield, Framlingham C; A S Berry, Newport Free GS; P M Braakenburg Westcliff HS; F E W Burden, Wellington S; S N Carter, Kingston GS; S J Cater, Stratton US; S R Clark, HS; P S Colwill, Sutton HS; C A Coull, Alva Acad; K A Finney, Market Bosworth S; S P Gale, Castle Rushen H S; J K Hayle, Longsands S; P R Hetmore, Austin Friars S; D G Higgs, Clifton C; C Hollis, Prices C; C M G Hope, St Paul's S; D M Ledger, Kirkham Carr Hill S; I G Lindsay, HS of Glasgow; D S McAulay, St Columba's RC HS; J C Masters, Fareham Tech C; J R Perry, Bloxham S; P N Phillips, Q Elizabeth's S, Wimbourne; D P Reindorp, Reading Tec C; J P Rogers, Blessed William Howerd HS; D A Sherriff, Bournemouth S; C J Smith, Leeds GS; D P Smith, Bishop Luffa COFE; K B A Smith, Dollar Acad; S G Solleveld, Rannoch S; N H C Tindal, The Oratory S; Woodcote; G A Wade, K Charles I S, Kid'minster; M J Wild, Scarborough 6th Form C; T W S Wilson, Mid-Warwick C; D J Wills, St Boniface's C; K M Wren, Ramsden S.

Supplementary list
Acting Sub-Lieutenants: N L J Boughton, J Leckie Comp; P J Carroll, Brone Park S; C J Davies, R Forest of Dean GS; R T Edwards, Colhayne, HS; K R Godfrey, Midhurst GS; S M Grantham, Reigate GS; M C Jones, Hymers C; D R W Muir, Priory GS.
Midshipmen: C Brough Hull Trinity House S; T I Chrisholm, Christ's Hosp, Horsham; F Collins, Norton Knatchbull S; T B Curran, Minster S; A P C Davies, Pangbourne C; M F Dean, St John's C; M A M Ferguson, J Nelson Sr. HS; J S Gething, Sandbach S; P J Green, Lincoln Christ's Hosp; N Hewson, Hull Trinity House; N G Holmes, Aylesford S; G D Jones, St Peter's S, Huntingdon; B J Mellor, Hastings Sec S; K D Nash, Waterpark Sen C; R M Nelson, Beechen Cliff S; A J Olliver, Pope Pius X RC, Rotherham; G A Owen-Jones, T Magnus S; A H Porter, Banbridge Acad; S P Pryce, Woodbridge S; P A Randall, Sale Co Boys GS; R E Rayner, Barnhill Sec Mod S; A J Taylor, Bay House Comp; C R Waites, Tynemouth 6th Form; R A Warrington, E Norfolk 6th Form C.

Supplementary List (Air)
Acting Sub-Lieutenants: W R Clifford, Higham Lane S; I J R Daniels, Bexhill C; P G Eaton, St Nicholas GS; M J Fulford, Cambridge GS; P M Jefferson, Munich Internat S; N P Richards, Cwmbran Comp S.
Midshipmen: J C Barnbrook, Leasowes HS; R D Bell, Wellington; J T Bones, United World C; N T Bowen, K James C of Henley; M B Coupland, Dover C; P J Crookes, Abbeydale Grange; W E Davison, Usworth Comp; R Fedorowicz, New C, Telford; R J Hamilton, Solihull S; C H Hardinge, Felsted S; P T Hickson, Lord Wansworth C; N P James, Reigate GS; P D Norman, Pinner Jun C; J Park, K Edward VII S, Lytham; C Reece, Rectory Comp, Hampton; J C Robb, Linwood HS; W J Sheridan, Sacred Heart C; A C Skinner, Bungay HS; M D Thorsby, Warblington Comp; S E Vallance, Sir J Smith, Camelford.

Instructor Officers
Lieutenants: A D Boorer, St Joseph's Acad; G D Chapman, Newport GS; S R Cousens, Dr Challoner's GS; N Hicking, Heanor GS; B J Newton, Q Elizabeth's GS, Barnet; S J Studa, Highcliff Comp.

Special Duties List
Acting Sub Lieutenants: K B Blake, Seecths; S T Brown, Latymer GS; A D Church, Lewes Priory; E J Jones, Gorseinon Tech C; T P Knight, Wycombe Tech S; R D Labone, Gatsacre Comp; P McKenna, Unsworth Sec S; A Micklebugh, Mortimer Wilson Comp; D Murray, Walbottle West; F Nowoselski, Normanton GS; N P Russell, Whitchurch Co Sec S; B N Sutton, Bakewell Sec S.

WRNS
Probationary Third Officers: J M Brigham, Talbot Heath; J E Cobb, Charterhouse; C A Ellis, Marist Conv; M C Logan, Somervale Comp; H Manning, Northwood; I M Markowald, Walthamstow Hall; S L Marshall, Scarborough C; J K Morley, Rqhwell GS; J T Setter, Hanbury Comp.

International Midshipmen
Midshipmen: E Ahmed, Bangladesh; T H M Al Baluchi, Oman; M Berkani, Algeria; A K Boudache, Algeria; AZBA Damit, Brunei; G S Gharib, Kenya; A Q M F Hassan, Bangladesh; C P Johnson, Bahamas; S N Kamburu, Kenya; D Lightbourn, Bahamas; M S B Majallah, Brunei; J M Mavingo, Kenya; G K Shiundu, Kenya; P J Kanja, Kenya; A Al Besher, Saudi Arabia; H Al Jaid, Saudi Arabia; H A Khudhear, Saudi Arabia.

Church news

Church in Wales
The Rev R Saunders, Area Secretary of the Mission to Lepers, to be Vicar of Penycae, diocese of St Asaph.
The Rev D V Griffiths, Rector of Llanfairtalhaiarn with Llansannan, to be Vicar of Old Colwyn, diocese of St Asaph.
The Rev K J Bray, Vicar of the rectorial parish of Wrexham, to be Vicar of Llay, diocese of St Asaph.

Science report

Clues to wasps that trick flies

By Judy Redfearn

An alien life firm wondering how to become a successful parasite on an earth creature would be well advised to study the antics of *Leptopilina heterotoma*, a parasitic wasp. The wasp lay sits eggs through the body wall of fly larvae.

No outward sign distinguishes the usurped larva from an undisturbed one, but all the while a young wasp, instead of a fly, is growing *inside* the larva's *skin*.

Two entomologists from the University of Michigan, Dr R. M. and Dr T. M. Rizki, now have some information on how the wasp does it.

Somehow the wasp must disarm just those of the larva's defences directed against itself. The others must be left intact to allow the usurped larva to ward off attacks from bacteria and viruses and so reach maturity.

Normally, when a small foreign body, such as a wasp's egg, is injected into the larva's body cavity, specific blood cells, called lamellocytes, wrap themselves around it: the foreign body is encapsulated and rendered harmless.

But the eggs of *L heterotoma* somehow escape that fate. The Rizkis have found that the injection of a *L heterotoma* egg disrupts lamellocytes without harming other types of defensive blood cell.

The two emtomologists experimented with larvae from a mutant strain of the *Drosophila* fly whose lamellocytes are overactive: not only do they encapsulate foreign bodies, they can also be made to adhere to each other, so forming easily visible black tumorons masses. When *L heterotoma* eggs are injected into the larvae, however, the eggs are not encapsulated and the lamelloctyes stop sticking together.

The researchers found that the lamellocytes had elongated and changed their surface properties. After a while, structural material began to extrude from their ends and eventually they disintegrated completely. But the other cells of the larva's immune system were unharmed. They showed no loss of ability to attack bacteria and viruses.

What is it about *L heterotoma* eggs that has such a remarkable effect on the larva's immune system? The eggs themselves are not in fact to blame. The Rizki findings were that the culprit is a substance which the female wasp injects into the larva along with the egg.

Lamellolysin, as the researchers called it, is produced in a particular gland belonging to the female wasp's reproductive apparatus. This chemical or group of chemical seems to act like a "magic bullet", attacking only the lamellocytes.

Its method is yet to be discovered but one tempting possibility is that it is an antibody: a protein with "jaws" specifically designed to grasp a specific "antigen" appearing only on lamellocytes.

If that is so, it would be a *most fascinating* case of a creature using a defensive system, normally found only in higher organisms, not as a defence but as an aggressive weapon.

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OBITUARY

DR FRANK H. SPEDDING
Work on first atomic bombs

Dr Frank H. Spedding, the Canadian born scientist whose work on the production of Uranium 235 made him a key member of the "Manhattan Project" the American effort to produce the world's first nuclear bomb, died in Ames, Iowa, on December 15. He was 82. Spedding, who had been Director of the Ames Laboratory was one of the world's outstanding authorities on the rare earths.

He was born on October 22 in Hamilton Ontario but was educated at the Universities of Michigan and California, late working in Britain, Germany and the Soviet Union on a Guggenheim Fellowship.

In 1937 he went to Iowa State University as Head of the Physical Chemistry section and from 1942 as Director of the Atomic Project at Iowa State was responsible for creating the technology to produce on a large scale Uranium 235, the radioactive isotope of uranium used in the world's first atomic bomb. Spedding also worked with Dr Enrico Fermi and his group which succeeded in producing the first atomic chain reaction at the University of Chicago in December 1943.

In 1945 he became Director of the Institute of Atomic Research at Iowa and in 1947 Director of what is now known as the Ames Laboratory in Iowa. He held this post until 1968 when he retired.

A major research laboratory Ames was concerned with the perfecting of rare earths for commercial uses, particularly the peacetime use of nuclear energy.

Besides his work with rare earths Spedding was also a specialist in atomic and molecular spectra as well as other chemistry connected with atomic energy problems.

He had been several times nominated for the Nobel Prize for Chemistry.

MR JAN PEERCE

Jan Peerce, one of the most noted tenors of wartime and early post war eras, has died at the age of 80. He was probably most renowned for his appearances with Toscanini in operatic broadcasts which were later issued as commercial records.

Peerce was born Jacob Pinas Perelmuth in New York on June 3 1904. He played the violin in dance bands until he realised he had vocal potential and changed over to singing the vocal refrains at the Radio City Music Hall during the 1930s.

Then he studied seriously in Italy with the famous tenor, Borgatti, and made his debut at Baltimore as the Duke of Mantua in 1938. The same year Toscanini invited him to sing the tenor part in Beethoven's *Missa Solemnis* and that led to him singing the leading roles in the conductor's recorded concert performances of *La Bohème*, *La Traviata*, *Fidelio*, *Un ballo in maschera*, and the last act of *Rigoletto*, thus giving Peerce a lasting place in the history of the gramophone.

He joined the Metropolitan Opera, New York, in 1941 and remained with the company for more than 20 years singing some 300 performances of 11 roles, the most significant of which were Edgardo in *Lucia di Lammermoor*, the Duke of Mantua, Alfredo and Rodolfo. In 1956 he became the first American to sing at the Bolshoi opera in the postwar era.

In 1971 he made his Broadway debut as Tevye in *Fiddler on the Roof*. His extensive concert career continued almost until the time of his death, and he appeared successfully with a Jewish group at London's Queen Elizabeth Hall in the 1970s, his voice apparently unimpaired by the passing years.

Peerce's voice was keen-edged and somewhat metallic in character. He used it to project strong, involved characterisations more welcome perhaps for the tireless energy in his singing than for many subtleties of interpretation. The longevity of his career was proof of his secure technique.

MR A. A. ROSS

Mr Alan Alistair Ross, CBE, who died on December 15 at the age of 64, was chairman of Ogilvy & Mather, the advertising agency, from 1971 to 1975, and after that served as president from 1975 to 1980.

He also played a leading role in the wider world of advertising. He was president of the Institute of Practitioners in Advertising 1973-75, a member of the Advertising Standards Authority 1972-75, and chairman of the Advertising Association 1975-80.

Angus Ross, as he was known, was born in the City of London, and was educated at Christ's Hospital. He joined the 4th City of London Yeomanry as a Territorial shortly after leaving school. He served as a tank commander with the 8th Army in the Western Desert and in Italy, and was twice wounded.

After the war he had four years with the film division of the Central Office of Information before beginning his career in advertising. He joined Ogilvy & Mather (then Mather & Crowther) in 1955 to head their television department. He was elected a director in 1960, and in 1966 became a director of Ogilvy & Mather International.

As chairman of the agency he played a leading part in bringing about the purchase of S. H. Benson, another long-established London agency, in 1971. He later, as chairman of the Advertising Association, did much to ensure the continuance of the present system of self-regulation by the industry, resisting pressures for the statutory control of advertising.

In 1976 Ross became Treasurer and Chairman of the Council of Almoners of Christ's Hospital. He became an advocate of moving the girls' school, now at Hertford, to join it with the boys' school at Horsham, and was closely involved in solving the institutional and personal difficulties created by the move, due to take place next year.

He married in 1950 Marjorie Catch, who survives him, as do their two sons.

LT-COL A. L. B. ANDERSON

Lieutenant-Colonel Arthur Louis Brunker Anderson, who died at his home at Limington in Somerset, on December 10 at the age of 95, was the oldest surviving officer of the former British Indian Cavalry, and a remarkable polo player.

"Ginger" Anderson was born in 1889, the elder son of Major General L. E. Anderson, and spent much of his childhood in India. He was educated at Rossall and was commissioned into the Connaught Rangers in 1907 and served with them in India. They went to France in 1914, and he saw active service in France and Belgium and later in Mesopotamia, where he was severely wounded during the operations to relieve Kut.

In 1918 he transferred to the Indian Army and was posted to the 37th lancers (Baluch Horse) and saw more active service during the third Afghan War in 1919. In 1922 his regiment was amalgamated with the 17th Cavalry to become the 15th Lancers, with whom he continued to serve.

He had the rare distinction of being on the staff of four viceroys: as ADC to Lord Chelmsford, in the Viceroy's Body guard under Lord Reading and as Comptroller of the Household to Lord Irwin and Lord Willingdon. Later he commanded the 15th Lancers until he retired in 1939. For the rest of his life he lived in Somerset, and during the second World War was responsible for a large area of the Home Guard.

But he will be best remembered as a polo player of international class who achieved the exceptionally high handicap of 8 at a time when the standard and number of top class sides playing was at a peak. He captained the Connaught Rangers team before 1914, and was a member of the 15th Lancers side which, in the 1920s twice won both the Indian Cavalry and Inter-Regimental tournaments, and also the Indian Championship.

In 1927 he married Margaret St Barbe Sladen, only daughter of Colonel St Barbe Sladen. He is survived by his widow and two sons.

MR G. M. MATTHEWS

Mr Geoffrey Matthews, who died on December 9 was Reader in English at Reading University and one of the foremost Shelley scholars.

Born in 1920 he was educated at Kingswood School, Bath, and Corpus Christi College, Oxford where his studies were interrupted by the war.

From 1949 to 1955 he lectured in English in Finland at Abo Akademi and Turku University. After a period at Leeds University he went to Reading in 1966.

His published work on Shelley included, besides many articles, a selection from his poetry and prose (OUP, 1964) and a short introductory study for the British Council entitled *Shelley* (Longman 1970).

But his *magnum opus* was the new edition of Shelley for Longman's Annotated English Poets series, on which he had been working for many years. This labour, which included an entirely re-edited text and a quantity of hitherto unpublished material, was far advanced and it seems likely that it will be possible to complete and publish it.

Sir Stewart MacTier, CBE, who died in Tasmania on November 28 at the age of 78, was chairman of the Liverpool Steam Ship Owners' Association and of the General Council of British Shipping 1960-61, and president of the Institute of Marine Engineers 1966-67. During the Second World War he was director of Port Transit Control at the Ministry of War Transport.

Miss Margaret Burton, the singer, who played leading roles in pantomime, chiefly as Principal Boy, in the 1950s, and who later appeared in Offenbach operettas at Sadler's Wells in the 1960s, playing Helen in *La Belle Hélène*, has died at her home in Hove at the age of 60.

THE ARTS

Galleries

Bubbling good humour

Art into Productioi
Museum of Modern Art, Oxford

Artists Design for Dance
Arnolfini, Bristol

Spindler 1900
Reading Museum ad Art Gallery

Art Nouveau fron the Anderson Collection
Geffrye Museum

The Parian Phenomenon
Chelsea Town Hal

It is a good time for)vers of the applied and decorive arts at the moment – espcially if they are willing to trayl round a bit outside Londn. And anyone who tends { bristle snobbishly at the mation of anything less fine thn "fine art" should persuade hmself to unbristle, since two ofhe three major new shows wiin quite easy reach of Londo) contain work in slightly unacustomed media by artists so unssailably fine that no one cold easily look down on them.

Like Malevich in **Art into Production**, the bsolutely extraordinary, nt-on-any-account-to-be-missed show of Soviet textiles, fasion and ceramics 1917-1935 a Oxford's Museum of Modern Art until February 3. The eriod, of course, is that of the great conflagration of reolutionary art and design whio immediately followed Russi's political revolution and ws damped down, if not tally extinguished, by the return to traditionalism, socilist realism and art-for-the-peole around 1930. In fact almos everything here dates from th Twenties, and the handful of ieces from after 1930, like the nattributed table service *The Harvest*, of 1932-35, do show a sad falling-away into boring conventionality compared wih what was being done ten yea earlier.

But otherwise you could hardly ask for anyhing brighter, livelier, more inventive and wholly desirable that the pots and stuffs in this show. Even when the titles and subject-matter of the designs sound like a parody of respectable socialist art, the sense of vivid post-Diaghilev colour and the sheer bubbling good humour captivate. What would you expect of a ceramic tray entitled *The Revolution Tears Away the Cobwebs of Prejudice*? Almost anything, I would guess, other than Maria Vasilevna Lebedeva's whimsical brick-coloured winged whale(?) flapping through the clouds as it cheerily munches away at a very glitzy gilt web across its path. Even Malevich's severe white teaset charms with its very literal "half-cup": one wonders which came first, this or the seaside souvenir fantasy on the same theme.

And, if you are talking about art-for-the-people, what could be more truly popular and approachable that these pots, what more jolly to wear than these happily garish fabrics? Certainly they use, with the greatest ease and fluency, the language of post-cubist art, but it is so convincingly associated with Russian folk motifs or cartoony humour that no one surely could take offence unless directed to do so. The wonder is that so much of this until very recently frowned-on art still survives in Russia (the materials of the show come straight from Russia and it may well go back as a show for Moscow too), but then the Russians, as we know, never throw anything away, just in case: very likely they even have Stalin himself in cold storage, should his presence ever again be required in the mausoleum on Red Square. And thank heavens for this spirit of good housekeeping, for western design today still has as much to learn from these tearaways of half a century ago as does design in Russia itself.

Also at MOMA-Oxford until February 3 are shows devoted to *Duane Michals*'s eccentric photo-stories and penetrating portraits, funny-peculiar *and* funny-ha-ha, and to *Peter Greenham*'s paintings, which are all we mean, good and bad, by "academic": tasteful, accomplished and deadly unexciting.

A couple of those Russian revolutionaries turn up again in **Artists Design for Dance**, at the Arnolfini, Bristol, until January 13. The likes of Alexandra Exter are in fact there in support of more recent, mostly British, essays in dance design by such current artists as Bridget Riley, John Hubbard, Richard Smith, Deanna Petherbridge and, naturally, David Hockney. It is tempting to say that the historical precedents upstairs rather undermine the effect of the recent works below: evidently artists like Michael Ayrton (*Le Festin de l'araignée*, John Piper (*Job*), Edward Burra (*Miracle in the Gorbals*) and McKnight Kauffer (*Checkmate*), not to mention the old Russian pros like Benois, Larionov, Goncharova, Exter and, later, Wakhevich, were really designing for the ballet, whereas on the whole one gets the impression that the newer generation have been commissioned merely to do their usual thing while dancers dance in front of it or, in the case of sculptors like Nigel Hall or Heinz-Dieter Pietsch, on top of or underneath it.

This is not entirely true: Bridget Riley's works seem to have actually inspired an intense and enlivening collaboration between designer and choreographer, and one or two artists have proved to possess a hitherto unrevealed skill at theatrics: Christopher Lebrun, with his vaguely baroque leanings, one might expect to take up where Eugene Berman left off, but it is genuinely surprising how well Deanna Petherbridge's rather sinister architectural fantasies take to the stage. And Hockney, who is represented by designs for Ashton's *Varii capricci*, immediately inscribes himself in the long and respectable alternative tradition, so well illustrated upstairs, by taking stage design as a separate discipline, with its own rules and desideranda, coolly mastering them all.

The name of **Charles Spindler**, handsomely commemorated at Reading Museum and Art Gallery until January 19, is probably not instantly familiar even to connoisseurs of the Art Nouveau and its period. Being an Alsatian (born 1865; died 1938), he inevitably fell between the artistic stools of France and Germany, never to be decisively claimed by either. And the style of his furniture shows this division – or rather, this very personal fusion: delicate marquetry pictures in the manner favoured by Gallé and other Nancy artists are inserted into decidedly hefty and Germanic pieces of furniture, and some of the examples on show, such as the several variations on the small stool with a vaguely triangular back



As inventive as desirable: ceramic plate by an unknown Russian hand

which may prove to be a pansy or a butterfly (or, as a lady present remarked, E.T.), are inexplicable as either but, we are told, refer to specifically Alsatian peasant designs.

The show, with minor additions and subtractions, has been seen already in Darmstadt and Strasbourg, and at Betty's Tea Rooms, Harrogate. Even given Spindler's enforced cosmopolitanism, this last seems odd, but apparently the inventor of Betty's Tea Rooms was on the maiden voyage of the Queen Mary and was there impressed with some of the woodwork which proved to be by Spindler, so he commissioned Spindler to design for Harrogate and two other North Country locations.

In London there are two shows which are relevantly involved with the applied arts. At the Geffrye Museum until December 30 is a selection of **Art Nouveau from the Anderson Collection**. Nowadays collecting Art Nouveau is a very scholarly and selective occupation, but when Sir Colin and Lady Anderson began in 1962 the area was terra incognita, and those with the bug would tend to buy anything faintly swirly and and floreal first, then find out about it afterwards. The show consequently contains many delightful (and many rather camp) objects without *established parentage*, as well as major pieces by Gallé, Tiffany, Mucha and Majorelle. Individually the pieces of jewellery, ceramic, glass and furniture are usually well worth seeing, but the big come-on is the period charm of the collection as a collection.



The Parian Phenomenon: detail of *Lady Godiva* by John Thomas Minton, c.1859

The come-on for Richard Dennis's show **The Parian Phenomenon**, at Chelsea Town Hall until Friday, is as much as anything the extraordinary spectacle of the show itself, with amazing pyramidal confections of the distinctive white unglazed china reaching up towards the ceiling in serried and slightly funereal ranks. The subjects range from portraits of heroes and royalty to elaborate tableaux from romance and legend to affecting Victorian scenes like *The Last Kiss* (little girl kisses dead bird before burying it). Not all is pure white: some few pieces are coloured all over, and several have just titillating touches. But mostly it is white and pure and rather ghostly. For anyone in need of further information, Mr Dennis is as usual accompanying the show with a book, due early in the New Year, which is likely, as usual, to be the last word on its subject.

John Russell Taylor

Concert

Per Musica
Queen Elizabeth Hall

Never mind the odd, slightly rough-and-ready sound: this was an enjoyable concert, *thanks partly to the willingness* of the young orchestra, partly to Julian Reynolds's crisp direction, and partly to a stimulating choice of programme.

Schoenberg and Stravinsky were both represented by major scores not often played: Schoenberg by his Second Chamber Symphony and Stravinsky by the complete *Pulcinella*. Then, in between, there was Mendelssohn's G minor Piano Concerto, given a very lively performance by Jean-Louis Steuermann. Indeed, the sound was a bit too lively: curtaining the back wall might have helped give Mr Steuermann's playing some soft focus instead of an unhelpful booming resonance.

The bare concrete did help, though, in projecting the exuberant noise of the orchestra. Per Musica are a group of graduates from the EEC Youth Orchestra who came together a year ago in order to perpetuate their orchestral work in occasional concerts and short tours. They play for enjoyment, and it shows. But Mr Reynolds is not in the business of simply letting everyone have a good time. Conducting without a score, he seemed to have an exact notion at every moment of the balance and rhythmic character he wanted – or rather of those that the music wanted. Performances were clear, and cleanly articulated.

Such a style was a great boon in the Schoenberg, which can easily seem too comfortably lugubrious. As in Schoenberg's other tonal works of his sixties one misses the daemon that had been driving him to travel so rapidly through similar territory when he was in his thirties. Without that compelling necessity, the music is in danger of seeming merely charming, but it was saved from that fate by the very candour of the performance: smoothly if unwillingly moving forward in the first movement, and dancing with brilliance at the start of the second.

Mr Reynolds's manner of conducting was perhaps even better suited to *Pulcinella*, which he made so much an interlocking sequence of vivid musical machines. There is a problem here with the three singers, who have so little to do. Plonking them oratorio-fashion at the front gives a false visual and acoustic impression: it might be better to have them heard from off-stage when the work is done in concert halls.

In any event, only the bass Peter Harvey on Sunday seemed entirely happy with his part, which was rather a pity when the instrumentalists were bouncing along so merrily.

Paul Griffiths

Theatre

Feiffer's America
Lyric Studio

I expected better, but that was probably unreasonable. How can an evening of cartoon-strip titbits, even if less short-winded than Schulz's for *Snoopy*, and Feiffer's corrosive character-essays on successive presidents escape inducing the cloyed dissatisfaction that comes from eating too many cocktail canapés, however expertly fashioned, and not having dinner? A whizz-bang, pizzazzy approach might have helped, but whatever the virtues of John Barlow's cast (of which more presently) they do not deliver it. Moreover, all the material points in the same *direction*.

The very title promises a little shop of horrors, and the promise is kept. Particularly the presidents: Eisenhower "soft-soaped paranoia"; egotistical John Kennedy "didn't mind dissent – he just patronized it"; Johnson was the first bully, liar, thief, credibility gap and other things too fast to note; Nixon was "a wonderful turd, the Mozart of mediocrity"; Ford embodied "the void left after the collapse of the American dream"; Carter had grit and pluck and dertermination and couldn't keep us awake; Reagan of the popcorn principles brought us Christmases when Supply-Side Santa (in the *chortling person of David* Healy) commanded us to fight and scratch and crawl for our presents. Did this, in rehearsal, seem a feast of wit? In practice it is depressing, and anyhow we knew it already.

For relief, there are hung-up Feiffer couples, hung-up Feiffer singles hooked on TV, and, disaster of disasters, endless dance interruptions from Lynn Seymour meant to parody *pretentiousness but never doing* so sharply or amusingly enough – even if she does come into her own in witty sketches like a paranoiac wife clinging to Mr Healy's selfish midriff for support and comfort.

Theoretically an intelligent pocket revue ready to sail into a little West End theatre for a long run, this Mount Rushmore of grotesques, significant and insignificant, dispiritedly suggests only that democracy is phoney show-business and individual freedom produces ignorant, self-obsessed perplexity. Contrast the playful mischief of a political commentator like Bernard Levin (remember his comparison of Wilson and *Macmillan*, "*The Walrus and* the Carpenter?"), which delights and pleases the reader while remaining unforgettably deadly.

The cast is strong. It is good to renew aquaintance with the cuddly, witty Mel Taylor (billed as "The Token Black"), with the homespun Mr Healy indulging in a hymn to domestic sentimentality before bearing his baseball bat off to a civil rights demonstration, and with the tiny, red-eyed Peter Whitman, impersonating a succession of twitchy American males before delighting the house with his lazy-blinking, maniacal Henry Kissinger.

Ed Bishop has a face lined with experience round his piercing blue eyes and is a dead ringer for Reagan with his vocal jauntiness and wheeling gait showing senility masking itself as volatile youth. That, and Feiffer's appalling essay on presidents as aspects of sex appeal, lifts the whole grisly circus to classic level.

Anthony Masters

Opera

Bruson scores heavily for early Verdi



I due Foscari
Teatro Regio, Turin

Undeterred by their increasingly precarious financial position, Italy's major opera houses have at last begun to take seriously the revival of interest in early Verdi. The lesson of recent productions in Milan and of some of the provincial theatres is that first-class casting and a kid-glove approach to staging are essential if the energetic vocal writing and skeleton dramatic structure are to be projected in a flattering light. On these terms, the production of *I due Foscari* at Turin ranks, like the opera itself, as a fragile success.

The deciding factor has been the participation of Renato *Bruson, whose loyalty to the* theatres that were the training ground for his international career has won this production at the Teatro Regio the kind of popularity normally reserved for mainstream repertory. The very size of Bruson's performance reinforces the case for regarding *I due Foscari* – coming directly after *Ernani* and before *Giovanna d'Arco* – as a baritone's opera. It is an impression supported by the almost precocious stature of Verdi's writing for the Venetian Doge and by his preoccupation, while still only 30, with the personification of fatherly love and public office that was to develop such force in later operas.



Rare champion of *bel canto*: Renato Bruson (right) with Nicola Martinucci

Bruson's tonal amplitude is ideal for the part of the octogenarian Foscari; he sings with phrasing of deceptive spaciousness and with a clarity of diction and technical agility that distinguishes him as a rare champion of *bel canto*. These are assets to be cherished, as Bruson illustrated in his two principal arias, where his mature fusion of vocal and dramatic skills was a summation of Verdian authority and humanity. His ensemble singing showed the same consideration, and in the final tableau his stooped, tottering gait and controlled passion made the rudimentary ending both plausible and moving.

The son and daughter-in-law of the Foscari household on this occasion had the character of problem children, unable to ignite Verdi's melodies or draw character out of stereotype. As Jacopo, Nicola Martinucci illustrated once again how unintelligently he uses a good voice, while the miscasting of Dunja Vejzovic as Lucrezia had particularly unfortunate consequences in the large tableaux, where her inability to rise above the ensemble forced the conductor to shade the dynamics – much to the detriment of Verdi's stately crescendos. All sections in the pit treated their parts with love and respect – the orchestral score in this opera is one of its most unexpected assets – but Maurizio Arena's deference to the relentless interruptions for applause gave the performance little chance to develop its own momentum.

The staging was by Sylvano Bussotti, whose appetite for ugly drop-curtains further compartmentalized the opera's structure. He did have the sense, however, to leave a clear stage for the Doge's ruminations; these scenes alone, with Tono Zancanaro's costumes and decor, realized the simple grandeur of this short and appealingly direct work.

Andrew Clark

Rock

Lou Reed
Brixton Academy

The pantomime pop season is in full swing this week with camps being set up around Wembley ready to cheer on the good guys. *Meanwhile, in* Brixton, the over-twenties could enjoy their own entertainment watching Lou Reed, cast these days in the role of wicked uncle.

Reed's status as founder member of the Velvet Underground is higher than ever; his influence as a rhythm guitarist and purveyor of lurid urban street-level tales is similarly acknowledged. The pout and the sneer may have been replaced by a grin and the odd wisecrack, the observations of Andy Warhol's Factory children by a new set of references to bourgeois Manhattan social life, but Reed still knows how to tell a tall story and strike up a linear form of R & B.

Reed's current band, spearheaded by the guitarist Robert Quine, sounded a few shades too safe on the older material but their work on the *New Sensations* songs, which Reed jokily described as "another of my best-selling records", was solid enough, impressive without quite setting the pulse racing. He made passing references to his own soul heroes during the evening, implying that the sounds he heard when he switched on the New York stations were those of Marvin Gaye and James Brown; whether this band would have passed an Apollo audition was a moot point.

Ironically, the best moments were when Reed revisited his most commercial phase, one he has disowned in the past, and interpreted "Walk on the Wild Side" and Satellite of Love" with country troubadour rhythms. By contrast the ennui of "Doin' the Things that We Want To" and the seediness of "Turn to Me" were far less convincing.

The night began and ended with two Velvet Underground signature tunes, "Sweet Jane" and "Rock 'n' Roll", offered as presents rather then with his old take-it-or-leave-it attitude. At 42 the wicked uncle is perhaps entitled to stand revealed in a more benificent light.

Max Bell

Television

A gift of tongues

Frank Delaney (BBC 2) last night tried to fathom one of the mysteries of modern literature: why is it that twentieth-century Irish writing seems much more resonant and lyrical than English writing of the same period? Mr Delaney's guests, themselves Irish, were not slow in coming forward with answers.

One academic, David Norris, suggested that the Irish experience an amount of discomfort in employing English at all – certainly it is true that they tend to subvert it by removing its practicality and "meaning", substituting for these dull native characteristics a quality of music or incantation. And it is also the case that, given the evident fact that the Irish are good talkers, there is a rhetorical intention behind those beautiful cadences which writers like Joyce and Yeats were not slow to exploit.

By the time Mr Norris had finished, the discussion was moving along nicely – with the novelist Jennifer Johnston asserting that the Irish were not a middle-class people and that as a result they have been more vigorous or courageous in their application of language to reality.

This is an arguable point, and in any such discussion it is important to produce examples. Which Mr Delaney and his guests then proceeded to do: the theoretical controversy soon came down (or, rather, up) to the swapping of funny stories. As William Trevor explained, there is still a tradition of oral story-telling in Ireland – although he did not add that most of its practitioners now work in television.

The larger point, obliquely put last night, was that some glory has departed from the English language – certainly it seems a much starker and less resonant thing than its nineteenth-century equivalent – and that this denuded fate is one which Irish-English has managed partly to avoid. This was an interesting and even entertaining discussion – Frank Delaney himself was clearly in his element, which has not always been the case during this series.

Peter Ackroyd

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349	250	Gerrard Nat	314		–3	17.1	5.5	9.3
66	45	Guinness Peat	57		..	0.9	1.5	21.0
183	121	Hambros	160	●	..	8.6	6.8	16.8
16	9	Do (50p)	£12½	●	..	89.4	7.2	13.1
350	235	Hill Samuel	309	●	–6	15.4	6.8	8.7
82	48½	HK Shanghai	61½		+1	..b	..	..
313	228	Joseph (Leopold)	283	●	..	18.1	6.9	12.2
178	124	King & Shaxson	171	●	–1	11.8	6.9	14.5
460	320	Kleinwort Benson	395		..	17.9	4.6	9.7
542	422	Lloyds	514		+5	34.5	6.8	4.9
63	49	Lon Scot Fin	54		..	3.8	7.0	10.5
42	24	Manson	24		..	1.4	6.0	9.4
423	405	Mercury Secs	413		..	16.4	4.0	8.6
429	277	Midland	307		–2	30.4	9.9	6.1
280	193	Nat Aust Bk	241		..	..	..	..
598	420	Nat West	579		+2	38.2	6.3	4.5
7½	57	Ottoman	69		..	450	6.5	10.5
198	144	Provident	188		+1	13.5	7.2	8.8
100	72½	Rea Bros	80		..	1.8	2.2	26.9
20½	14	Royl Bnk Of Can	£18½		+½	..	..	..
248	194	Royl Bnk Of Scot	232	●	+3	12.1	5.2	7.3
903	625	Schroders	728		..	23.6	3.2	12.2
370	280	Seccombe M	325	●	..	28.6	8.8	10.7
71	48	Smith St Aubyn	64		+1	6.4	10.0	5.8
573	442	Stand Chart	477		–2	40.0	8.4	6.5
765	612	Union	718		–5	48.6	6.8	11.7
62	42	Wagon	62		+1	3.9	6.3	16.8
40½	27½	Wells Fargo	£40½		+½	..	..	..
255	135	Wintrust	235		+3	6.1	2.6	15.6

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FINANCE AND INDUSTRY
Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

High politics ends the Governor's honeymoon

As honeymoons go, Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton's with the Old Lady of Threadneedle Street, has been unusually lengthy. Yesterday it came to an abrupt end when the Chancellor of the Exchequer made a full frontal attack on the Bank of England's competence in the important area of banking supervision.

Rumblings of political dissatisfaction, which began with the eruption of the Johnson Matthey affair, last week reached seven on the Richter scale. It can have come as no surprise to the Governor when Mr Nigel Lawson told the Commons yesterday that he had ordered a full review of present arrangements for banking supervision where weaknesses had been highlighted by the forced rescue of Johnson Matthey Bankers.

An investigating team made up of Treasury and Bank of England representatives and an independent consultant will consider whether a more effective supervisory framework is required than that provided by the 1979 Banking Act.

By its own admission, the Bank was tardy in responding adequately to the problems it said it had long known existed at Johnson Matthey Bankers. The final solution – nationalizing JMB – could hardly have been less palatable to Mrs Thatcher and her closest Cabinet colleagues who immediately began distancing themselves from the whole unsatisfactory business.

Their embarrassment deepened when Dr David Owen, the SDP leader, saw his opportunity to admonish both Government and Bank – and took it with characteristic flair.

Neither Mrs Thatcher nor Mr Lawson forgive easily. The laser beam of their disapprobrium was quickly focused on the deputy-governor of the bank, Mr Christopher "Kit" McMahon, whose five-year term happens to end early in the new year. In so far as he can be held responsible for the Bank's shortcomings Johnson Matthey Bankers, then he has some explaining to do. That said, the inspired attacks on his position smack of the worst kind of West End politicking.

It is therefore up to the governor to defend his deputy from politically motivated pressures which may have more to do with the fact that Mr McMahon is closer in his private political convictions to Dr Owen than to Mrs Thatcher.

The notion that the deputy-governor is not as "sound" as all good Thatcherites would wish might have mattered less if Mrs Thatcher had chosen a different man to succeed Lord Richardson. By nature, temperament and ability, Mr Leigh-Pemberton was always destined to be more of a chairman of the Bank and less of a Governor in the traditional, executive sense. It followed that the deputy-governor, a man of great technical ability and considerable central banking experience, would assume the managing director role.

Not to put too fine a point on it, Mr McMahon's authority cannot help but spread across the Bank of England spectrum. As Mr Leigh-Pemberton's appointment was inspired by the Prime Minister's belief that after Lord Richardson the political balance in the Bank needed to be sharply redressed, it is not difficult to understand any move that might undermine Mr McMahon.

The risk is that the deputy-governor may already feel that his position has been made untenable and his only option is to leave the Bank. Such a decision would reflect no credit on anyone. Moreover it would undoubtedly damage the Bank both in the City and abroad.

The apparent failings in the Bank's supervisory responsibilities, which cannot advance the career of Mr Peter Cooke, head of banking supervision, are a matter of genuine public concern. Weaknesses in this area were exposed – and the public cost was huge – in the 1973-74 secondary banking collapse. The Bank's intelligence channels, through the discount office, had become blocked.

The tragedy of errors which had led to that situation has not been fully revealed. Suffice to say, the Bank recovered well, and the lifeboat was launched with a tough, experienced and knowledgeable crew, which included the then deputy governor, Sir Jasper Hollom and the Wise Mr George Blunden.

The long-term political response to the debacle of the early seventies was the 1979 Banking Act. Much bureaucracy came in and much sensitivity went out of the system as a result. At the same time, it is evident, notwithstanding the continuing presence of the Bank court of both Sir Jasper and Mr Blunden, that the Bank has let the supervisory system slip below that standard required. Mr Lawson is right to want to know why.

BAT's £664m choice keeps City guessing

In the space of a year BAT Industries has announced acquisitions in the financial services sector worth more than £1.5 billion. Ironically perhaps the company's purchase of Hambro Life has left many in the City wondering exactly what BAT is intending to achieve. It is hoping to build a new integrated financial structure, or is it simply picking up attractive equity investments in a favoured field?

Potential clearly exists in the fact that Hambro Life relies on a large sales force while BAT's earlier acquisition, Eagle Star, has none. This could give Eagle Star the opportunity to market its non-life products, such as house or car insurance, more widely through Hambro Life's 2,800 salesmen. Yet the terms of the acquisition virtually ensure that the two companies not oly remain entirely separate but continue to compete with each other as much as ever

The reasons for this have much to do with Hambro Life's structure. One of the principal reasons for companys failure to link up with Charterhouse J. Rothschild this year was the opposition of its sales force. Salesmen were worried that their management would be diverted into new areas of interest and would cease to provide them with attractive new products to sell. They were also unhappy at an erosion of their incentive schemes.

BAT has succeeded where CJR failed by giving the all-important Hambro Life sales force what it wanted. It has paid a high price to keep the top management, all of whom have agreed to stay with the company for a further five years. It has given the company virtual autonomy. And it has promised to maintain the level of incentives.

Another avenue of development for BAT's new financial services arm would be to build the kind of all-in-one financial supermarket which Mr Mark Weinberg is known to be keen on.

Alternatively, BAT could continue on the acquisition trail and buy its own bank or stockbroker. Mr Patrick Sheehy, the chairman, appeared to rule this out by saying that BAT would make no new acquisitions in the United Kingdom financial services.

Mr Sheehy has stated that BAT's primary interest in acquisitions is to buy companies with high growth potential.

Over the much longer term a more integrated financial services group may emerge. In the meantime BAT has paid a lot for having the choice: at £664 million Hambro's exit p/e ration is 24.

Pegi blocks Dunlop's £70m capital reconstruction

By Ian Griffiths

Dunlop Holdings has had to delay the announcement of its capital reconstruction package after the failure of the Malaysian Pegi Corporation, which owns a 26 per cent stake in the ailing tyre and industrial products group, to agree terms.

The two Pegi representatives on the Dunlop board were in London last week for two meetings but no agreement was reached on the details of the package. Pegi is understood to be concerned at the amount of debt which would be converted into equity by the banks, which are propping up Dunlop with loans of about £380 million.

It had been suggested that the banks would convert about £70 million of debt into equity. This would be offered immediately to existing shareholders and new institutional investors to raise funds. Pegi, however, is concerned at the level of dilution in its interests and would prefer the banks to restrict the amount of loan conversion.

Sir Michael Edwardes, Dunlop's chairman, had hoped to announce the details of the reconstruction package tomorrow but he has now written to shareholders to explain that there will be a further delay. The best hopes now are that a package can be agreed early in the new year.

In his letter Sir Michael says: "In view of the many different parties and the complexity of the issues involved the terms of the financial reconstruction proposals are likely to take some while to settle".

He also provided a broad outline of the proposals which confirm that Dunlop will seek to raise new equity capital from existing shareholders and from new institutional investors. There will also be some conversion by the banks of their loans into equity.


Sir Michael Edwardes: further delays

However, Sir Michael warns shareholders: "The amount of new share capital required is considered to be far beyond the capacity of ordinary shareholders to provide. The proposals for the financial reconstruction will therefore involve a substantial dilution of your holdings".

Sir Michael has also some indication of the group's future strategy which will involve a combination of rationalization, capital spending, further strengthening of management and, where appropriate, selective acquisitions and divestments.

It has always been anticipated that part of the Dunlop reconstruction would involve substantial asset sales. Although Sir Michael gives no indication of what form these assets sales will take or if the funds they would raise he said that the group would develop its most competitive businesses. This allows him the flexibility to make appropriate divestments.

The Dunlop Shareholders Association, which represents the interests of small shareholders, has already proposed its own package for Dunlop's future which includes substantial asset sales, including a complete withdrawal from tyre manufacturing.

Economic forecast in doubt

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The longer leading indicators for the economy rose strongly last month, casting doubts over earlier official expectations of a slowdown in the economy from next March.

The leading index, based on partial information, rose from 107.2 in October to 108.7 in November, as a result of rising share prices and lower interest rates.

The other three composite leading indicators – shorter leading, coincident and lagging – also rose

Whitehall statisticians began predicting a March 1985 slowdown in the economy when the longer leading index, which looks about a year ahead, turned down in March of this year. The index continued to fall in the months of July, supporting the case for a March 1985 turning point.

However, the index has since recovered strongly, as interest rates have fallen, share prices have risen, and business optimism, as measured by the results of Confederation of British Industry surveys, has returned.

The rise in share prices so far this month means that the longer leading index is likely to exceed the previous peak of 110.1, recorded in February and March this year.

The Central Statistical Office is standing by its position that the economy is likely to encounter a turning point next March, but it is conceded that the evidence is now "a little weaker than hitherto."

The main difficulty for the statisticians has been ironing out the effects of the long-running coal strike, and the two short dock strikes. It now appears that financial markets overreacted to these industrial disputes earlier this year.

Regan threat to curb Fed

From Bailey Morris, Washington

The influential open market committee of the US Federal Reserve Board has met in closed session to decide whether to ease monetary controls during a difficult period when it is under attack by the Reagan Administration to promote more growth.

Concern over the sharp slowdown in the US economy had resulted in a new round of public criticism against the board, which acts as a central bank, and its independent chairman, Mr Paul Volcker.

Analysts said yesterday, however, that because of the confusing indications from the economy in recent weeks they expected the Fed to take a very cautious policy line, erring on the side of accommodation.

Mr Donald Regan, the US Treasury Secretary, last week escalated the administration's attack on the central bank, criticizing Mr Volcker as "penurious" and blaming the Fed's policies for hurting the Christmas shopping season.

Mr Regan stated for the first time publicly that the administration is considering a plan to place the Federal Reserve system under some form of unspecified controls.

His comments and those of other administration officials were taken as a veiled threat to the traditional freedom of the central bank which is viewed as a strong bastion against renewed inflation.

But despite renewed pressure on the central bank, analysts said they did not expect dramatic policy changes, particularly in view of recent data which suggest that an earlier easing of credit controls is promoting more growth.

The latest round of statistics has produced a murky picture of the US economy. The data show neither further weakening nor a rebound from the slowdown

A clearer picture will emerge this week when the US commerce department releases tomorrow its forecast of economic growth for the final quarter of the year. Analysts predict the forecast will show stronger growth than the 1.9 per cent rate of the last quarter but still in the sluggish 2 per cent to 3 per cent range.

Argentina expects rescheduling soon

From Catherine Dodds, Paris

The date on which Argentina expects the signature of an IMF standby arrangement worth one million SDR and $260m is December 28.

On January 15 and 16, Argentina is due to negotiate with the representatives of a number of western governments the rescheduling of debt principal and interest for credits extended, or guaranteed by those governments.

And, after the agreement of the 320 commercial banks, Argentina expects the formal agreement covering the rescheduling of debts and interest owed to these banks to be signed after mid-January.

Senor Grinspun's visit to Paris was to explain Argentina's economic and debt repayment prospects to French, Belgian, Spanish and Portuguese banks.

And while Senor Grinspun was persuading commercial banks in Europe of Argentina's good intentions regarding debt repayment the president of Argentina's central bank was completing a similar mission with creditor commercial banks in the US, Canada and Japan.

During the negotiations which resulted in the Washington accord on December 2, Citybank chaired the 11-strong banking group representing the 320 commercial banks.

The Argentine economy minister Señor Bernardo Grinspun, returned to Buenos Aires from Paris last night apparently convinced that all the 320 commercial banks to whom Argentina is indebted will, within two days, agree to the rescheduling of that debt as negotiated, in Washington last week.

Comfort backs Ladbroke

By Our City Staff

The directors of Comfort Hotels International last night recommended their shareholders to accept a £67.7 million takeover bid from the Ladbroke Group, Mr Cyril Stein's property, hotels and bookmaking combine.

However, it was a grudging recommendation. The directors, led by Mr Henry Edwards, said that although they were satisfied with the form of Ladbroke's five-for-seven share swop terms, they did not consider that they fully reflected Comfort's "excellent growth prospects".

"Nevertheless, in the absence of any better offer, the directors do intend to recommend shareholders to accept the Ladbroke offer," they said.

Comfort has agreed with the consent of the Takeover Panel to drop its separate £15 million bid for Prince of Wales Hotels. This was a condition of Ladbroke's offer.

Extension for loan guarantees

By Derek Harris, Commercial Editor

The Government's Loan Guarantee Scheme to help finance small businesses is to be continued until the end of next year, with tougher conditions aimed at reducing increasing losses.

But it is only a reprieve for the three-and-a-half year old scheme whose future will depend on losses being reduced proportionately, said Mr David Trippier, minister responsible for small businesses at the Department of Trade and Industry.

The failure rate of businesses involved in the scheme has worsened to 1 in 2.5, compared with the 1 in 3 rate suggested in the last Robson Rhodes accountancy study of the scheme's prospects.

Mr Trippier said: "I want this scheme to work, but certainly the losses rate at the moment is unacceptable."

Banks' exposure to risk in the extended scheme will remain the same as in the last six months, with the Government guaranteeing 70 per cent of loans.

The charge to borrowers of a 5 per cent premium stays the same, despite criticisms that it increases the financial burden on a new small business, effectively a 1.1 per cent increase, compared with the first version of the loan scheme.

But it will now be mandatory for lenders like the banks to insist on minimum standards of appraisal. This means a small business will have to provide an effective business plan. Minimum standards of financial reporting will be mandatory, which means more frequent monitoring once a small business is operating.

On the banks role in the scheme, Mr Trippier said: "It is clearly a reflection of their ability effectively to monitor the businesses that the losses rate was as high as it has been."

Monitoring, he said, would preferably be in the hands of a chartered or certified accountant acting for the small business, but Mr Trippier was prepared to mobilize his department's small companies counselling service to help or to bring in aid from a local enterprise agency.

CBI forced to cancel conference

In an embarrassing climb-down, the Confederation of British Industry has been forced to cancel a conference to examine the revolution taking place in the City, because of lack of interest.

The speakers were to have included Mr Alex Fletcher, Under-Secretary of State for Corporate and Consumer Affairs; Professor Laurence "Jim" Gower, the Government's adviser on company law; Mr David Walker of the Bank of England, and Mr Jeffrey Knight, chief executive of the Stock Exchange.

Up to 250 delegates were expected to attend the CBI's headquarters for the conference tomorrow, but acceptances were received from only 20.

Maxwell sells

Mr Robert Maxwell has sold almost 3 per cent of John Waddington shares since his £44 million takeover bid failed on Friday. His British Printing & Communication Corporation has sold just under 1 per cent and Pergamon Press Inc, an overseas associate, has sold 1.89 per cent. Mr Maxwell retains just over 20.56 per cent.

Brewers' tonic

Scottish & Newcastle Breweries has reported pretax profits of £37.5 million for the half year to October 28, up from £31.6 million. Turnover increased from £348 million to £354.2 million. The interim dividend of 1.9p is up from 1.73p last time

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Profits rise

The Stock Conversion and Investment Trust's pretax profits for the half year ended September 30, rose by £1m.74 million to £9.48 million. Dealing profits increased from £18,000 to £613,000. The interim dividend rose 25 per cent to 2.5p per share. Earnings per share were 9.89p.

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£¾m salary


Mr Richard Giordano, (above), chairman and chief executive of BOC, looks to be running away with the title of Britain's highest-paid executive for the fifth year running. Mr Giordano has had a £250,000 salary rise last year to £771,600, an increase of 48 per cent, according to 1983-84 BOC annual report. Mr Giordano stressed that his salary was fixed on an annual bais by the BOc board and measured against comparable pay for other to United States directors. About £100,000 of the salary increase reflected the strength of the dollar against sterling, while the balance came from a straight rise.

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China buses

British Electric Traction Company has paid £500,000 through its United Transport International offshoot for a 30 per cent interest in Citybus, which operates bus services in Hong Kong. BET recently won a licence to operate the first luxury bus service between Hong Kong and Shenghen in the bordering mainland China special economic development zone.

State to sell stake in Norton

By Jeremy Warner

Norton Villiers Triumph, once a powerful force in the British motor cycle industry, is hoping to make a comeback. The Government has agreed to sell its remaining shareholding in the company, freeing it from commercial restriction.

Manganese Bronze, Norton's parent group, announced yesterday that it is buying the Government's interest in the preference share capital for £375,000.

After years when it made very little, Norton has recently produced at its factory at Shenstone, near Birmingham, about 130 sample models of its rotary engine motorcycle.

These are on trial with 19 British police forces, two of which have indicated that they want to place follow up orders.

Mr Roger Poore, Manganese Bronze chairman, said that with government restrictions now lifted, Norton could set about raising the fresh capital it needs. He thought a big problem in this venture would be Norton's remaining 13,000 shareholders.

"Norton shares have been changing hands in unofficial dealings at between 2.5p and 5p but in reality they are worth nothing," Mr Poore said.

The Government became involved with Norton in 1973 when Mr Edward Heath's administration put up £4.9 million of aid to help group together the then separate companies of BSA, Triumph and Norton Villiers

BL seeks Russian deal

By John Lawless

Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, his most immediately important industrial visit in Britain this week will be to the Austin-Rover plant at Cowley, Oxford.

BL it is understood, is among the front-runners to win a contract to completely refurbish, reequip and help introduce new car models at the Moskvish factory in Moscow.

During a morning visit, Mr Gorbachov, a senior Politburo member, will be shown the efficiency that has been achieved on the Maestro and Montego production lines as a result of £200 million worth of investment in the past two years.

"We employ some of the most up-to-date techniques in the world," an Austin-Rover spokesman said yesterday.

A decision by the Russians on who will win the contract is thought to be imminent, and almost certain to be announced within the next month.

BL is in competition with the Japanese, West Germans and Italians, but faces its stiffest competition from Renault of France.

Cowley's annual production, at 250,000 cars a year (including production of the executive-model Rover), is said to be similar to that of the Moskvich factory.

MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

FT Ind Ord	938.3(+2.9)
FT-A All Share	n/a
FT Govt Securities	82.30(−0.96)
FT-SE 100	1212.5(+7.7)
Bargains	27,343
Datastream USM	105.44(−0.43)
New York	
Dow Jones	1173.03(−2.87)
Tokyo	
Nikkei Dow	11455.67(+54.97)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	1166.42(+24.33)
Amsterdam:	179.0(+0.9)
Sidney: AO	714.2(−4.5)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1073.2(−4.4)
Brussels:	
General	157.74(+0.03)
Paris: CAC	180.5(−0.2)
Zurich:	
SKA General	318.20(−0.10)

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London fixing:
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New York:
Comex $314.80

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
Hambro Life	538p +43p
BAT Ind	340p +27p
App. Comp Tech	285p +25p
Redfearn Glass	55p +9p
Resource Tech	54p +7p
Bentalls	69p +6p
United Biscuits	186p +6p
ICI	730p +18p
Blue Circle	483p +10p

FALLS:	
Zygal Dynamics	35p −10p
Lucas Ind	259p −10p
Smiths Ind	659p −5p
Hill Samuel	308p −8p
P. Duffryn	405p −15p
Johnson Gp	429p −11p
May & Hassell	96p −4p
W. J. Pyke	275p −8p
Howard & Wyndham	6p −3½p

CURRENCIES

London:
£: $1.1905 (−0.0015)
£: DM 3.6865 (−0.0030)
£: SwFr 3.0430 (−0.0060)
£: FFr 11.2935 (−0.0190)
£: Yen 294.90 (−0.45)
£ Index: 74.1 (−0.1).

New York:
£: $1.1905
$: DM 3.0877
$ Index: 143.1 (+0.02)

INTEREST RATES

London:
Bank Base: 9¾ – 9½%
3-month Interbank 9¾ – 9²¹⁄₃₂%
3-month eligible bills 9⅛ – 9³⁄₃₂ %
buying rate

US:
Prime Rate 11.25-11.50%
Federal Funds 7¾%
3-month Treasury Bills 7.98−7.94%
Long bond 102⅛ – 102¼.

WALL STREET

	Dec 14	Dec 13
AMF Inc	14¾	14⅞
AMR	35½	34½
Allied Corp	35½	35⅝
Allied Stores	51¾	52¼
Allis Chalmers	5⅛	5⅜
Alcoa	35¼	35⅜
Amax Inc	16⅝	16⅝
Amerada Hess	25⅞	25⅞
Am Brands	63⅝	63⅝
Am Broadcast	62⅝	60⅝
Am Can	50¼	50⅝
Am Cyanamid	47⅞	48⅝
Am Elec Power	20⅛	20¼
Am Home	51¾	51
Am Motors	3⅞	3⅞
Am Nat Res	36¼	36¼
Am Standard	30	30¼
Am Telephone	18¼	18
Armco Steel	9¼	9¼
Asarco	19⅞	19⅞
Ashland Oil	25¾	26¼
Atlntic Richfield	44¼	44
Avco	48⅛	48⅝
Avon Products	20⅝	20⅝
Bankers Tst NY	55⅝	54⅞
Bank of America	17⅝	17½
Bank of Boston	40½	40⅞
Bank of NY	32⅞	32⅝
Beatrice Foods	30½	30¼
Bethlehem Steel	15¾	15¼
Boeing	53⅞	53⅛
Boise Cascade	38⅝	39½
Borden	62	61½
Borg Warner	20	19⅞
Bristol Myers	49¼	48¼
BP	23⅛	23⅜
Burlington Ind	25⅞	25⅞
Burlington Nthn	45⅞	45⅞
Burroughs	55⅝	54⅜
Campbell Soup	69½	70¼
Canadian Pacific	36⅞	36¾
Caterpillar	28⅞	28¾
Celanese	76⅝	78
Central Soya	17	16¾
Champion	20	19⅞
Chase Manhat	45¾	45⅛
Chem Bank NY	33⅝	33⅛
Chevron	31⅛	31⅜
Chrysler	29⅞	30
Citicorp	38⅛	37¼
Clark Equip	24⅞	24½
Coca Cola	62	61
Colgate	24⅝	24½
CBS	71½	69
Columbia Gas	32¼	32¼
Combustion Eng	30⅞	30⅝
Comwlth Edison	27⅛	27⅜
Cons Edison	29¾	29¼
Cons Foods	32⅛	31⅞
Cons Power	4⅞	4⅞
Control Data	34⅞	34⅞
Corning Glass	67¼	68
CPC Intl	40½	39¾
Crane	33½	33⅝
Crocker Int	25½	25½
Crown Zeller	33¼	34
Dart & Kraft	84½	84½
Deere	29	29
Delta Air	41⅛	39⅞
Detroit Edison	15⅞	15⅞
Digital Equip	104⅛	102¾
Disney	58½	57⅞
Dow Chemical	27¼	27¼
Dresser Ind	19⅛	19¼
Duke Power	26⅞	28¾
Du Pont	46¾	46¼
Eastern Air	4⅜	4⅛
Eastman Kodak	68⅝	69
Eaton Corp	50⅝	50⅞
Emerson Elect	67⅝	67⅞
Evans Prod	3⅛	3⅛
Exxon Corp	43⅝	43⅞
Fed Dept Stores	51⅝	51
Firestone	18½	18⅝
Fst Chicago	20¼	19⅞
Fst Intrst Bncp	41⅞	41⅜
Fst Penn Corp	5¾	5¾
Ford	43½	42¾
GAF Corp	25⅛	25⅛
GTE Corp	39¼	39
Gen Corp	32⅛	32⅛
Gen Dynamics	63¼	63⅛
Gen Electric	55	55
Gen Foods	58¼	58¼
Gen Mills	50⅞	49⅝
Gen Motors	75⅛	74
Gen Pub Util NY	11	11
Genesco	5½	5⅝
Georgia Pacific	23¾	23½
Gillette	57½	57⅛
Goodrich	25⅝	25
Goodyear	25⅛	24½
Gould Inc	19¼	19⅛
Grace	39⅝	39
Gt Atlc & Pacific	17⅞	15¾
Greyhound	23	22⅝
Grumman Corp	25⅝	25¼
Gulf & West	28⅛	28⅝
Heinz H. J.	43¼	43⅝
Hercules	32½	32⅞
Honeywell	59⅝	58⅝
IC Inds	27¼	26⅞
Ingersoll	43	43⅛
Inland Steel	20	20¼
IBM	118⅝	117½
Int Harvester	8⅝	8
INCO	11	11
Int Paper	50¾	49⅞
Int Tel Tel	29¾	30
Irving Bank	30½	31⅝
Jim Walter	31	30½
Johnson & John	35⅞	35⅝
Kaiser Alumin	13½	13⅝
Kerr McGee	27⅝	27⅛
Kimberly Clark	48⅛	48¼
K Mart	35	34⅝
Kroger	36¾	36¼
L.T.V. Corp	9⅝	9¼
Litton	63¼	63½
Lockheed	42	41⅝
Lucky Stores	17	17
Manuf Hanover	34¾	33⅝
Manville Cp	5⅞	5⅝
Mapco	26⅝	26
Marine Midland	26⅛	25⅞
Martin Marietta	39⅝	40¼
McDonnell	65	65¾
Mead	34	33½
Merck	89⅞	89
Minnesota Mng	79	78
Mobil Oil	26⅝	26¼
Monsanto	41⅛	41⅝
Morgan J. P.	77½	76¼
Motorola	31¾	31½
NCR Corp	25¾	25⅝
NL Industries	11⅛	11
Nabisco	51⅞	51¾
Nat Distillers	25⅝	25⅝
Nat Med Ent	22⅝	22⅝
Norfolk South	55½	55¼
NW Bancorp	22⅞	23⅛
Occidental Pet	28⅝	28⅝
Ogden	27⅝	27½
Olin Corp	31¼	31¼
Owens-Illinois	38⅞	38⅞
Pacific Gas Elec	16⅛	16
Pan Am	4½	4⅛
Penney J. C.	49½	49⅛
Pennzoil	43¾	43⅝
Pepsico	41¾	41¼
Pfizer	40	39⅞
Phelps Dodge	13⅝	13⅝
Philip Morris	77⅝	77⅛
Phillips Petrol	54¼	53¾
Polaroid	27⅝	27¼
PPG Ind	32¾	32⅞
Proctor Gamble	58½	58¼
Pub Ser El & Gas	25⅝	25½
Raytheon	38¼	38⅛
RCA Corp	35	34¾
Reynolds Ind	33⅞	68¼
Reynolds Metal	32½	30⅝
Rockwell Int	29¾	29⅝
Royal Dutch	48	48⅛
Safeways	29	28½
SFE Sopac	24⅝	24⅞
SCM	42⅞	42⅝
Schlumberger	37¼	37⅝
Scott Paper	33⅛	32¾
Seagram	38⅞	38⅝
Sears Roebuck	30⅝	30½
Shell Oil	54⅝	54¼
Shell Trans	30⅝	31
Signal Co	31¼	31⅜
Singer	29	28⅞
Smithkline Beck	51½	51⅛
Sony	14⅝	14¼
Sth Cal Edison	22⅝	22¼
Sperry Corp	39⅛	39¾
Std Oil Indiana	54⅝	54½
Std Oil Ohio	41¾	41¼
Sterling Drug	29⅛	29⅝
Stevens J. P.	17⅛	17⅛
Sun Comp	47	48⅞
Teledyne	246	245⅝
Tenneco	35¼	35⅛
Texaco	33⅝	33⅝
Texas East Corp	27⅝	27¼
Texas Inst	112¾	112
Texas Utilities	27¼	27⅛
Textron	31½	31⅝
TWA	30	29⅞
Travelers Corp	35⅞	35⅝
TRW Inc	69⅛	68⅝
UAL Inc	44¼	42¾
Union Carbide	36⅝	37
Unocal	37⅜	37⅛
Un Pacific Corp	39⅝	39⅞
Uniroyal	13	13⅛
United Brands	11⅜	11½
US Steel	24⅛	24⅛
Utd Technol	35¼	34⅞
Wachovia	26⅞	27
Warner Lambert	34⅞	34¼
Wells Fargo	47⅞	48⅝
Westinghse Elec	25¼	24⅝
Weyerhauser	28⅛	28⅞
Whirlpool	43	43
Woolworth	35¾	35½
Xerox Corp	38¾	38¼
Zenith	21¼	20⅞
CANADIAN PRICES		
Abitibi	31	31
Alcan Alumn	35⅝	34⅞
Algoma Steel	19½	19⅝
Bell Telephone	34¼	34⅛
Can Pacific	48½	48½
Cominco	12¼	12⅛
Cons Bathurst	15⅝	15⅝
Gulf Oil	16¼	16
Hawker/Sid Can	17¼	17¾
Hudson Bay Min	6⅝	6⅞
Imasco	47	47¼
Imperial Oil	42	42⅝
Int Pipe	34⅝	34⅛
Mass.-Fergsn	3.75	3.70
Royal Trustco	17⅝	17
Seagram	48¾	48¼
Steel Co	20⅝	20½
Thomson N 'A'	48¾	48¼
Walker Hiram	23⅛	23¼
WCT	14⅞	14¾

● Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market closed. n New issue. p Stock split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Early fall for Dow

New York (Agencies) – The Wall Street stock market was mixed in the early going yesterday in moderate trading.

The Dow Jones industrial average which gained 7.07 to 1,175.91 on Friday, was down 1.66 to 1,174.25 at 11 am.

The New York Stock Exchange index was up 0.09 to 94.01 and the price of an average share was up 4 cents.

Declining issues led advancing issues 596-591 among the 1,708 traded.

First-hour big board volume amounted to about 21,510 million shares, compared with 21,790 million in the same period on Friday.

Union Carbide fell 1¼ to 35. IBM fell ¾ to 118, Digital Equipment fell ⅛ to 104 and Texas Instuments fell ¾ to 112.

AT & T rose ⅛ to 54⅛, Chevron rose ¼ to 54⅞ and Sun Company rose ½ to 47½.

Unocal fell ¼ to 37⅛.

● The lack of a draining move by the Federal Reserve Board with federal funds at 8 per cent has convinced many in the market that the central bank has eased policy further.

Funds were trading at a session low of 7¾ per cent. Many now expect another 50-basis-point reduction in the discount rate soon.

Matched sale-purchase agreements were widely expected.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Three Month Sterling					
Mar 85	90.20	90.23	90.17	90.21	350
Jun 85	90.03	90.05	89.97	90.04	195
Sep 85	89.88	89.88	89.85	89.87	15
Dec 85	Nt	–	–	89.58	–
Mar 86	Nt	–	–	89.49	–
Previous day's total open interest 4687					
Three Month Eurodollar					
Mar 85	90.30	90.43	90.26	90.38	3388
Jun 85	89.77	89.91	89.77	89.88	269
Sep 85	89.33	89.40	89.33	89.39	53
Dec 85	Nt	–	–	89.00	–
Mar 85	Nt	–	–	88.63	–
Previous day's total open interest 8987					
US Treasury Bond					
Dec 84	72-08	72-11	72-07	72-09	61
Mar 85	70-31	71-18	70-31	71-10	1756
Jun 85	Nt	–	–	70-20	–
Dec 85	Nt	–	–	–	–
Previous day's total open interest 1895					
Long Gilt					
Dec 84	108-11	108-11	107-31	107-31	155
Mar 85	107-13	107-30	107-11	107-13	1888
Jun 85	Nt	–	–	108-28	–
Sep 85	Nt	–	–	110-00	–
Dec 85	Nt	–	–	109-25	–
Previous day's total open interest 3655					
FT-SE 100					
Dec 84	122.00	122.25	121.20	121.35	132
Mar 85	122.20	122.20	121.50	121.50	41
Jun 85	Nt	–	–	121.90	–
Previous day's total open interest 1162					

COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY PRICES
Rubber in £'s per tonne; Coffee, cocoa in pounds per metric tonne; Gas-oil and sugar in US$ per metric tonne. G W Joynson and Co report

RUBBER	
Jan	635-630
Feb	645-610
Mar	660-620
Apr	670-630
May	680-640
Jun	690-650
Jul	700-660
Aug	710-670
Sep	720-680
Jan/Mar	650-630
Apr/Jun	680-640
Jul/Sep	715-670
Vol: 1 at 15 tonnes.	
SUGAR	
Mar	124.6-24.4
May	131.8-31.6
Aug	142.5-42.2
Oct	150.0-49.2
Dec	156.5-55.4
Mar	171.0-70.6
May	178.0-77.0
Vol: 1753.	
COCOA	
Dec	1027-26
Mar	1322-21
May	1830-29
Jly	1835-33
Sep	1840-39
Dec	1799-87
Mar	1805-90
Vol: 128/2835.	
COFFEE	
Jan	2234-2232
Mar	2228-2226
May	2219-2216
Jly	2217-2215
Sep	2215-2212
Nov	2215-2213
Jan	2210-2205
Vol: 143/1109	
GAS OIL	
Dec	220.00-19.75
Jan	223.75-23.50
Feb	223.75-23.50
Mar	220.25-19.75
Apr	217.00-16.50
May	216.75-16.00
Jun	219.00-12.00
Jly	221.00-10.00
Aug	223.00-200.00
Vol: nil	

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Unofficial prices: Official turnover figures. Prices in pounds per metric ton. Silver in pence per troy ounce. Rudolf Wolff & Co Ltd report

COPPER HIGH GRADE	
Cash	1119.00-1120.00
Three months	1133.50-1134.00
T/O	11,350
Tone	Firm
STANDARD CATHODES	
Cash	1127.00-1129.00
Three months	1409.00-1142.00
T/O	Nil
TIN STANDARD	
Cash	9870-9880
Three months	9840-9842
T/O	585
Tone	Steady
TIN HIGH-GRADE	
Cash	9920-9930
Three months	9892-9893
T/O	550
Tone	Steady
LEAD	
Cash	358.00-349.00
Three months	333.50-333.75
T/O	4,500
Tone	Steady
ZINC STANDARD	
Cash	673.00-674.00
Three months	671.00-672.00
T/O	5,125
Tone	Steady
ZINC HIGH GRADE	
Cash	725.00-730.00
Three months	710.00-715.00
T/O	Idle
Tone	Nile
SILVER LARGE	
Cash	545.0-547.0
Three months	558.0-559.0
T/O	13
Tone	Quiet
SILVER SMALL	
Cash	545.0-547.0
Three months	558.0-559.0
T/O	Nil
Tone	Idle
ALUMINIUM	
Cash	–
Three months	954.50-955.00
T/O	6,825
Tone	Steady
NICKEL	
Cash	4200-4210
Three months	4180-4185
T/O	792
Tone	Steady

LONDON GOLD FUTURES MARKET
In US $ per oz.

Feb	317.80-317.83
Vol	235
Tone	Quiet

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION:
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on December 17:
GB: Cattle, 99.82p per kg lw (-3.49).
GB: Sheep, 137.84p per kg est d c w (-0.07).
GB: Pigs, 88.09p per kg lw (-2.62).
England and Wales:
Cattle nos. up 8.8 per cent, ave. price, 100.02p (-3.46).
Sheep nos. up 1.8 per cent, ave. price, 189.93p (+0.73).
Pig nos. down 15.9 per cent, ave. price, 88.05p (-2.58).
Scotland:
Cattle nos. up 53.2 per cent, ave. price, 98.81p (-3.34).
Sheep nos. up 7.8 per cent, ave. price, 184.26p (-2.40).
Pig nos. up 0.0 per cent, ave. price, 90.78p (-7.93).

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES MARKET

Month	Wheat Close	Barley Close
Jan	£109.50	£108.55
Mar	£113.05	£112.55
May	£116.83	£115.35
Jul	£118.85	–
Sep	£98.00	£97.75
Nov	£101.50	£000.95

Total lots traded
Wheat ... 0
Barley ... 0

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

The market enjoyed its first day of surplus credit since the end of June. The surplus, estimated by the Bank of England at around £200 million, was caused by tax payments due on Sunday being delayed until Wednesday, which is now expected to be extremely short – well in excess of £1 billion.

Overnight money stayed fairly cheap, opening at around 9 per cent but was soon down to 8½–½ per cent with the news of the surplus.

The rate slipped further during the afternoon, although conditions proved to be very patchy and it was only for the last few deals that the rate went down as low as 5 per cent.

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 9½-9½
Finance House 10½
Discount Market Loans %
Overnight: High 8½ Low 5
Week fixed: 8⅞-8½

Treasury Bills (Discount %)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	9¼	2 months	9⅞
3 months	9⅝	3 months	9⅛

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)

1 month	9⅞-9⅝	2 months	9⅛-9⅞
3 months	9⅛-9⅞	6 months	9⅝-9⅛

Trade Bills (Discount %)

1 month	10	2 months	9⅞
3 months	9¾	6 months	10

Interbank (%)

Overnight: open	8½	close	5
1 week	9-8⅞	6 months	9⅞-9⅞
1 month	9⅞-9⅞	9 months	10⅛-10
3 months	9⅛-9⅞	12 months	10⅛-10⅛

Local Authority Deposits (%)

2 days	9	7 days	9
1 month	9⅛	3 months	9⅝
6 months	9⅝	12 months	9⅞

Local Authority Bonds (%)

1 month	10⅛-9⅞	2 months	10⅛-9⅞
3 months	10⅛-9⅞	6 months	10-9⅞
9 months	10⅛-10	12 months	10⅛-10

Sterling CDs (%)

1 month	9⅛-9⅞	3 months	9⅞-9⅝
6 months	9⅛-9⅞	12 months	9⅞-9⅞

Dollar CDs (%)

1 month	8.75-8.65	3 months	8.95-8.85
6 months	9.25-9.15	12 months	10.10-9.90

EURO-CURRENCY DEPOSITS %

Dollar		call	9-8
7 days	8½-8⅜	1 month	8⅞-8⅞
3 months	9⅛-8⅞	6 months	9⅝-9¼
Deutschmark		call	5⅛-4⅞
7 days	5¼-5⅛	1 month	5⅜-5⅛
3 months	5⅞-5⅞	6 months	6⅞-5⅞
French Franc		call	11-10
7 days	10⅝-10⅝	1 month	10⅝-10⅝
3 months	10⅝-10⅝	6 months	11⅛-11⅛
Swiss Franc		call	1⅞-⅞
7 days	2⅛-2	1 month	5⅞-5⅞
3 months	5⅛-5	6 months	5-4⅞
Yen		call	6⅞-6⅞
7 days	6⅞-6⅛	1 month	6⅞-6⅞
3 months	6⅞-6¾	6 months	6⅞-6⅛

GOLD

Krugerrand* (per coin): $325-326.50 (£272.50-274)
Sovereigns* (new): $75-76 (£62.75-63.75)
*Excludes VAT.

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period 3 November, 1984 to 4 December, 1984, inclusive: 9.904 per cent.

APPOINTMENTS

Dunlop Holdings: Mr J. B. Roberts, Dr. D. L. Speirs and Mr F. F. Picken have become directors of Dunlop Engineering International.

Brian Reidy: Mr Jess Tigar has joined the board of Rudolf Wolff Financial Services.

Control Risks: Mr Michael Martin has been made a director.

M & G Reinsurance: Mr T. W. J. Manley (General Administration) and Mr R. G. Willsmer (Information Services, Cheltenham) have been appointed assistant general managers.

Bairstow Eves: Mr Peter Rainbow has joined the board.

Software Sciences: Mr Mike Alford has been appointed to the board.

Associated Australasian Banks in London: Mr G. S. Pentecost, regional manager UK & Europe Bank of New Zealand, and Mr T. D. Mckee have become chairman and secretary respectively.

Cow & Gate: Mr Michael Whitcroft became UK marketing director.

North Eastern Gas: Mr Norman Blacker has been named regional chairman from January 15.

London Enterprise Agency: Mr John Salisse is the new chairman, who succeeds Mr W. P. Bowman.

Jardin Insurance Brokers: Mr John Barton has been made a chief executive.

Arthur Bell & Sons: Mr Michael Keiller has become chief accountant.

Thorn EMI Lighting: Mr Andrew J. Osmond succeeds Mr Raymond C. Kember as associate director – marketing (designate) from April 1, next year.

East Midlands Allied Press: Mr Robin Miller has been made group chief executive from January 1.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

The markets were quiet. This was reflected in the narrow band most currencies were dealt in. With many banks and institutions having squared their books for Christmas there is a disinclination to adopt any position.

The pound traded within a thin band of 1.1890 to 1.1965 against the dollar before settling near 1.1905 for most of the afternoon and closing at the figure (1.1920).

The trade-weighted index, having stuck at Friday's closing level of 74.2 for most of the day, slipped to close at 74.1.

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range December 17	Market rates close December 17	1 month	3 months
New York	$1.18955-1.1940	$1.1900-1.1910	0.08-0.07c prem	0.19-0.16c prem
Montreal	$1.5700-1.5760	$1.5712-1.5731	0.12-0.16c disc	0.28-0.35c disc
Amsterdam	4.1548-4.1700fl	4.1567-4.1625fl	1⅝-1⅜c prem	4⅛-3⅞c prem
Brussels	73.98-74.26f	73.99-74.08f	4-8c disc	10-19c disc
Copenhagen	13.1750-13.2100k	13.1800-13.2000k	2½-3ore disc	6⅞-7¼ore disc
Dublin	1.1792-1.1848p	1.1792-1.1805p	42-58p disc	126-150p disc
Frankfurt	3.6826-3.6942m	3.6842-3.6891m	1⅛-1⅛pf prem	3⅞-3⅜pf prem
Lisbon	196.75-198.75e	197.03-198.38e	195-615e disc	560-1700e disc
Madrid	203.40-204.50p	203.64-203.93p	60-75p disc	145-200p disc
Milan	2267.50-2273.60lr	2267.55-2271.83lr	10-12lr disc	28-32lr disc
Oslo	10.6400-10.6800k	10.6526-10.6625k	3⅞-4ore disc	8⅛-9⅞ore disc
Paris	11.2840-11.3320f	11.2842-11.3058f	⅝-1⅛c disc	2⅝-3⅞c disc
Stockholm	10.5000-10.5500k	10.5151-10.5275k	1⅞-2ore disc	5⅛-6ore disc
Tokyo	294.50-295.69y	294.70-295.07y	1-⅞y prem	2⅝-2⅛y prem
Vienna	25.85-25.95sch	25.89-25.93sch	4⅛-2⅞gro prem	13⅛-9⅞gro prem
Zurich	3.0344-3.0457f	3.0381-3.0448f	1⅝-1⅛c prem	3⅞-3⅛c prem

Sterling index compared with 1975 was down 0.1 at 74.1 (day's range 74.2-74.1).

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina peso*	189.88-190.19
Australia dollar	1.4181-1.4210
Bahrain dinar	0.4478-0.4518
Brazil cruzeiro*	3581.07-3581.93
Cyprus pound	0.7450-0.7550
Finland marka	7.6465-7.6865
Greece drachma	150.20-152.20
Hong Kong dollar	9.3204-9.3301
India rupee	14.45-14.65
Iraq dinar	n.a.
Kuwait dinar (KD)	0.3800-0.3840
Malaysia dollar	2.8732-2.8775
Mexico peso	225-250
New Zealand dollar	2.4571-2.4644
Saudi Arabia riyal	4.4571-4.2690
Singapore dollar	2.5893-2.5933
South Africa rand	2.2590-2.2653
United Arab Emirates dirham	4.3685-4.4085

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.0070-1.0085
Singapore	2.1750-2.1765
Malaysia	2.4135-2.4150
Australia	0.8385-0.8395
Canada	1.3200-1.3205
Sweden	8.8350-8.8450
Norway	8.9500-8.9600
Denmark	11.0720-11.0768
West Germany	3.0900-3.0120
Switzerland	2.5500-2.5530
Netherlands	3.4930-3.4950
France	9.4750-9.4850
Japan	247.40-247.55
Italy	1900-1903
Belgium(Comm)	62.18-62.22
Hong Kong	7.8290-7.8305
Portugal	166.00-166.50
Spain	171.29-171.35
Austria	21.74-21.77

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel. *Lloyds Bank International.

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1984 High	1984 Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
182	119	Aberdeen	182	● +2	7.5	4.6	..
87	58	Alisa	87	+1	1.9	2.1	..
583	459	Alliance	563	+8	20.7	3.6	..
115	88½	Amer	114	+1	3.8	3.2	..
268	218	Ang Amer Sec	264	..	7.8	2.9	..
162	115	Ang Scot	162	+5	4.0	2.5	..
389	310	Ashdown	385	+2	10.3	2.7	..
141	96	Atlanta	137	+1	1.5	1.1	..
101	75	Atlantic Assets	89	+1	0.7	0.8	..
84	67	Bankers	84	+1	3.0b	3.5	..
174	130	Berry	170	..	1.4	0.8	..
157	117	Border & Sthrn	157	● +1	4.7	3.0	..
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235	184	General Cons	232	..	12.0	5.2	..
104	77	Glasgow Stock	103	..	2.6	2.5	..
252	197	Globe	252	+3	12.9	5.1	..
215	176	Greenfriar	203	..	1.9	1.0	..
250	187½	Gresham House	235	● ..	5.7	2.4	..
142	114	Hambros	142	● +2	5.4	3.8	..
228	187	Hill (P)	227	+3	13.2	5.8	..
490	390	Invest-In Success	480	..	7.5	1.6	..
214	162	Inv Cap	214	+2	5.1	2.4	..
64½	45	Japan Assets	63	● ..	0.1	0.1	..
294	215	Lake View	291	+3	6.4	2.3	..
180	130	Law Debenture	160	..	7.1b	4.5	..
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111	75	Tr Australia	93	● +2	2.9	3.3	..
78	59	Tr City Of Lon Dfd	78	+1	4.4b	5.7	..
143	121	Tr Ind & Gen	142	+1	4.8b	3.4	..
260	201	Tr Natural Res	242	● +3	10.7	4.4	..
176	130	Tr North America	164	● ..	4.9b	3.0	..
274	182	Tr Pacific Basin	271	+4	2.9b	1.1	..
139	107	Tr Property	139	● +1	4.7	3.4	..
88	69	Tr Tech	88	● +1	2.4	2.7	..
124	98	Tr Trustees	124	..	4.9	3.9	..
111	85	Temple Bar	111	+4	6.2b	5.6	..
211	160	Throgmorton	211	+8	9.3	4.4	..
273	211	Throg Secured Cap	248	..	..	..	..
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FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1984 High	1984 Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
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90	[illegible]	Electra	113	● +2	5.1	4.5	30.1
[illegible]	[illegible]	Eng Assoc	108	+3	4.3	4.2	14.6
388	[illegible]	Exco	533	+5	11.8	2.2	20.2
83	[illegible]	Exploration	65	+2	4.5	6.9	10.6
9	[illegible]	First Charlotte	11	+½	0.1	0.5	..
78	[illegible]	Frost (J J & D)	84	+2	4.0	4.8	12.4
42	[illegible]	Goode (D & M)	44	..	1.8	4.1	7.3
557	[illegible]	Henderson Admin	510	● –2	15.7	3.1	10.8
698	[illegible]	M & G	697	+14	31.4	4.5	17.2
216	[illegible]	Martin (RP)	380	..	17.9	4.7	9.2
247	[illegible]	Mercantile House	282	+6	17.1	6.1	7.2
235	[illegible]	Mills & Allen	340	+5	20.0	5.9	10.5
70	[illegible]	Smith Brothers	105	..	7.9	7.5	4.5
175	[illegible]	Yule Catto	200	..	7.9	3.9	9.1

AUTHORIZED UNIT TRUSTS

1983/84 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
		Abbey Unit Trust Managers, 1-3 St Paul's Churchyard EC4P 4DX 01-236 1850			
120.3	86.1	American Growth	114.2	121.5	1.86
83.1	65.4	Capital & Energy	72.7	77.8	2.87
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		Capel (James) Management Ltd, 100 Old Broad St, EC2N 1BQ. 01-588 6010			
238.2	170.1	Capital Fnd (3)	236.2	249.1	2.74
178.3	108.3	Income Fnd (3)	178.3	187.7	6.06
233.7	159.7	Nth Amer Fnd	219.9	231.5	1.15
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COMPANY NEWS

● **BUSH RADIO:** shareholders of the USM-quoted maker of consumer electronics voted at yesterday's extraordinary general meeting to remove Lewis Golden as joint auditor.

The director of Bush decided it was no longer necessary to have two auditors and asked Lewis Golden to step down, leaving Touche Ross as the sole auditor. Lewis Golden refused and an extraordinary general meeting has to be called.

Lewis Golden made a statement at the meeting regarding an aspect of Bush management they felt shareholders should be aware of. The accountants are claiming non-payment of fees which Bush directors had previously agreed to pay. Golden has received £21,000 through recourse to the courts, but is still claiming a further £35,000 in unpaid fees.

Bush Radio's pre-tax profits in the year ending August 31 were £833,000 compared with £540,000 and against a forecast of £820,000 made when the company came to the USM in July.

Belhaven Brewery's results for the half year September 30 were: interim dividend of 0.35p (nil).

Figures in £000. Turnover: £6,184 (£5,894). Operating profit £874 (£368) inclusive. Disposed or discontinued operations nil (£57 loss). Interest receivable £30 (£28). Interest payable £87 (£50). Pretax profit £817 (£346). Tax £248 (£26). Extraordinary incomes £21 (nil). Profit on disposal of hotel property. Extraordinary charges nil (£388). Earnings per share 2.42p (1.47p).

● **REED INTERNATIONAL:** The company has acquired, through Reed Holdings, W. F. Taylor of California, for $6.5 million (£5.4 million) in cash. The business, which made a profit before tax of $1.5 million on sales of $[illegible] million in the financial year ended September 30, will continue to be managed by the founder, Mr Wallace Taylor.

● **HALMA:** Results for 26 weeks to September 29: Interim 0.727p (0.606p). (Figures in £000.) Turnover 11,167 (9,747), trading profits 1,583 (1,257), pretax profit 1,591 (1,268), including interest 8 (11), tax 716 (634), minorities 1 (1), extraordinary debit 14 (7), earnings per share 3.24p (2.37p).

● **MAY & HASSELL:** Results for half year to September 30: Interim 1.6p on increased capital (1.6p). (Fig in £000): group turnover 42,941 (34,543), operating profit 2,369 (2,287) after depreciation 763 (528) and related company's loss nil (67), pretax profit 1,104 (1,286), after interest 1,265 (1,001), tax 200 (48), minorities nil (credit 17), extraordinary debit 23 (nil).

● **ZYGAL DYNAMICS:** Results for six months to September 30. (Figures in £000.) Turnover 2,715 (2,155), gross profit 889 (2,155), Gross profit 889 (865), pretax loss 182 (161 profit), after operating expenses 1,071 (704), tax credit 82 (25 charge), loss per share 2.2p (3.5p restated).

● **CATTLES HOLDINGS:** Company has acquired Rydale Finance Holdings, comprising Rydale Finance (Commercial) and its subsidiaries Rydale Finance (Brighouse) and Hartleys General Supply Co. The consideration of £246,000 has been satisfied by the payment of £211,000 in cash and the issue of 150,000 fully paid ordinary shares in Cattles ranking pari passu with the existing shares.

● **HAVELOCK EUROPA:** Interim dividend 0.07p (nil) for half-year to October 19. (Figures in £000.) Turnover 4,173 (3,249), pretax profit 291 (210), tax 133 (92), earnings per share 2.63p (2.00p).

● **DANA CORPORATION:** Company has agreed to acquire Warner Electric Brake and Clutch Co. The merger agreement has been approved by both boards of directors. Warner Electric shareholders will receive $30 in cash for each of their shares, the transaction is valued at $157.5 million. As a first step an offshoot of Dana will make a cash tender offer to purchase any and all Warner Electric shares at $30 each. The tender offer is scheduled to begin on December 21 and to expire on January 21, but may be extended.

● **WHESSOE:** Dividend p (3p equivalent) making 5.5p (same) for year to September 29. Results for the year show (figs in £000): Turnover 99,679 (111,353), operating profit 2,974 (5,007), pretax profit 4,138 (6,878) including related company's profit 659 (792) and net interest 505 (1079), tax 1,833 (2,780), extraordinary debit 552 (271), earnings per share 12.8p (22.7p).

● **SIEBE:** Interim dividend 3.63p (3.15p) for 6 months to September 30. Results for the year show (figs in £000): turnover 12,408 (62,608), pretax profit 6,971 (3,603), including share of related company's profits, 38 (148), tax 3,055 (1,677), minorities 613 (198), earnings per share 17.6p (12.3p).

● **HAMPTON GOLD MINING:** Interim dividend 1p (same) for 6 months to September 30. (Figs in £000). Turnover 4,722 (6,189), gross profit 638 (1,683), operating loss 360 (profit 868) after distribution costs 360 (301) and administrative expenses 1,229 (1,076), but including other operating income – nickel royalties 546 (528) and other 4[illegible] (34), pretax profit 1,155 (1,523), tax 232 (495), minorities 162 (nil), earnings per share 2.79p (4.24p).

● **PYKE HOLDINGS:** final dividend 3p making (5p (3.5p)) for year to 30 September. (Figs in £000): Turnover 34,913 (18,450) pretax profit 1,164 (630), tax 520 (110) extraordinary debit 360 (nil) deferred tax provision, earnings per share 16.61p (17.91p).

● **G T ASIA (STERLING) FUND:** results for year to September 30: quarterly dividend 12p plus 56p for 9 months to September 30. Gross income £656,586 (£726,504), net income £305,983 (£188,057), net assets at offer valuation equivalent to all shareholders' equity as at September 30, £19,593,209.

● **SPEYHAWK:** Final 6.4p making 8.4p (7.7p) for the year to September 30 (figs in £000). Turnover 44,518 (16,145). Pretax profit 3,767 (3,132), after allocations to employees' share participation scheme 11, tax 1,597 (1,274), extraordinary debit 128 (nil), Earnings per share 21p (18.2p).

● **H. PERRY MOTORS:** the company has disposed of its subsidiary Perrylease to United Dominions Trust. Before the disposal, the retained reserves of Perrylease, amounting to £727,970, were distributed to Perrys by way of a dividend.

This will result in the virtual elimination of group borrowings, which now stand at about £7.75 million and will thus greatly strengthen the balance sheet and financial position of Perry.

As consideration for the sale, Perry Co has received an immediate payment of £50,000 and will continue to receive the earnings arising on the leased asset portfolio existing at the date of sale.

Perry will continue to operate its hire purchase and contract hire subsidiaries.

Caffyns' results for the half year to September 30 were an interim dividend of 2.2p (same), payable January 23. (Figures in £000). Turnover £45,310 (£45,174). Operating profit £1,102 (£1,045) inclusive. Surplus on branch rationalization £388 (£248), but after other operating charges £5,048 (£4,654). Pretax profit £554 ([illegible]) after interest £548 (£578). Tax £50 (£50). Earnings per ordinary share 14p (12p). Shares 122 up 2.

● **CARR'S MILLING INDUSTRIES:** Final 3.75p, mkg 5.5p (same) for year to Sept 1. Figs in £000. Sales 51,117 (44,913). Pft. before tax 854 (890). Tax 30 (12). EPS 16.5p (17.6p). Carrs is continuing to benefit from substantial cap. investment made over the past two years. The improved profitability achieved towards the end of the financial year is being maintained and a very encouraging start to the current year has been made. In the absence of unforeseen circumstances, it is the board's intention to maintain the existing level of div. per share for the current year as enlarged by the proposed rights issue.

RECENT ISSUES

	Closing Price
Access Satellite Int 5p Ord (150a)	180
Addison Comm 2p Ord (116a)	132
Alida Holdings 25p Ord (140a)	188
Appledore A & P 10p Ord (87)	90
Breakmate 10p Ord (160a)	115
CVD Inc Com Stock $0.01 (105a)	143-3
Checkpoint Europe 25p Ord (8)	210-5
Crafton Lodge & Knight 1p Ord [illegible]	185
Gabicci 5p Ord (78a)	95
Hewlet Whiting 5p Ord (157a)	233
[illegible] 10p Ord (145a)	241+15
[illegible] 5p Ord (85a)	118
Media Technology 20p Ord (117a)	170
Oldacre Hldgs 20p Ord	109
PSM Int 25p (140)	181
Petrie & Giles 25p Ord (130a)	180
Plasmec 10p Ord (70a)	74
Shapes Drug Stores 10p Ord (140a)	197+4
Stone International 20p Ord (125)	141+1
T & S Stores 5p Ord (a)	119
U D O Holdings 10p Ord (110a)	124
Wardle Storeys 10p (132)	169
Water City of London [illegible] (100)	116-1
Williams (R) Leisure 5p Ord (20a)	22

Issue price in parentheses. a Unlisted Securities. * by tender.

Base Lending Rates

ABN Bank	9½%
Adam & Company	9½%
Barclays	9½%
BCCI	9½%
Citibank Savings	†10¾%
Consolidated Crds	9½%
Continental Trust	9½%
C. Hoare & Co	*9½%
Lloyds Bank	9½%
Midland Bank	9½%
Nat Westminster	9½%
TSB	9½%
Williams & Glyn's	9½%
Citibank NA	9½%

† Mortgage Base Rate.
* 7 day deposits on sums of under £10,000, 6¾%, £10,000 up to £50,000, 7¼%, £50,000 and over, 8%.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Lucas slumps after profits warning

By Pam Spooner and Cliff Feltham

Lucas Industries took a battering yesterday as analysts came away disillusioned from the components group's annual meeting.

Sir Godfrey Messervy, the chairman, told shareholders and observers: "Recent strikes at British vehicle builders – Jaguar, Austin Rover – and the current dispute at Ford have restricted sales and disrupted production with an unfortunate short-term impact on profit recovery".

That was enough to wipe out early gains and send the shares down to 259p, a 10p loss on the day.

At the annual profits announcement just three weeks ago no mention was made of the impact of industrial troubles, and the analysts' theme song was "full recovery ahead" for the car and electronics supplier. But now City men are rushing to cut their forecasts for 1985, and are taking an especially poor view of the first six months, which end in January.

Mr Bob Barber, at Phillips & Drew, had already cut his estimate from around £60 million to £54 million before the annual meeting, but believes yesterday's news will cause many of his rivals to think more in terms of profits in the "low 50s". Mr Barber will hang on to see how long the Ford strike lasts before reviewing the prospects again, but now says "£54 million looks like the top line for 1985".

In the year to last July, Lucas produced profits of £32.6 million, against just £2.1 million in 1983. The massive turnround to profits, on the automotive business brought hopes that the group would return to the high profit levels of the late 1970s.

The sharp trimming of the Lucas' share price after lunch yesterday contributed to the top 30 shares going off the boil as the day wore on. The FT 30-share index, after being up more than 9 points at one stage, closed just 2.9 points higher on the day – still a new peak of 938.3.

The FT-SE 100-share index showed much the same pattern, touching 1217.4 at 10 am, but closing at 1212.5, just 7.7 points up.

Among leading shares, Imperial Chemical Industries did its best to push the indices into ever higher ground. The shares jumped 18p to 730p as market men continue to show their appreciation of the group's purchases in America. ICI last week paid £625 million for the chemicals businesses of Beatrice Foods Inc.

BOC Group went 6p higher to 266p on City hopes that the group might sell its loss-making US operations. **Blue Circle** also managed a 10p rise to 483p in a firm building and construction sector, and there were gains for **Imperial Group**, **Marks & Spencer** and **British Telecom**.

Mr Jeremy Fowler, who resigned as chief executive of Aidcom last summer after the design and research group's merger with S & O Consultants has resurfaced in the marketing business. He has joined Novamark International as deputy chairman, and small shareholder with the specific task of guilding the trade name specialists to a stock market listing. Novamark is well known for its creation of the Metro, Maestro and Montego brand names for Austin Rover, and for work for many other big international companies.

Electrical group **Dixons** refused to leave the spotlight following the success of its takeover bid for **Currys**.

Speculation that Dixons itself could now fall to a predator was reflected in a 7p rise in the shares to take them to a year's high of 514p.

BAT Industries is still keen on the speciality retailing sector – and none fits that category better than Dixons/Currys – although even the energies of Mr Patrick Sheehy, the chairman, are sure to be taxed to the full integration Hambro Life onto the group's broadening financial services arm.

One name mentioned as a possible bidder was the American-owned Woolworth group – unrelated to the UK chain – but from New York Mr John Cannon, vice president and treasurer, said: "Our interest remains in speciality retailing in North America at present. I am not aware of any interest by our company in Dixons."

The Dixons buying was put down to "idle Christmas gossip" by the chairman, Mr Stanley Kalms. "Stanley Kalms is nsot for sale", he said. "It doesn't make any commercial sense at this stage for someone to try and take us over. Let us settle down. But I cannot speak for the future."

Mr Kalms said he thought the price was going up because the Currys deal was being recognized as a good one and was attracting some "solid institutional buying".

On the brewery pitches share prices responded to market optimism for consumer spending in 1985. Retail sales could well be better than previously expected, as inflation sticks at around 5 per cent a year and earnings look like rising by more than 7 per cent. Two per cent, or more, of real spending power will pass over pub counters, the analysts hope.

Bass rose 10p to 478p, **Grand Metropolitan** 7p to 320p, **Greenal Whitley** 4p to 155p, **Arthur Guinness & Sons** 6p to 194p and **Scottish & Newcastle**, alongside its better-than-expected results, 4p to 136½p. There were gains of a few pence for the smaller brewers too.

The Bass price is another peak for the shares, and mark a near 30p gain in the past two market trading days. Mr Neil Scourse, analyst at stockbroking firm Fielding Newsom-Smith, says: "Bass has come out of the results season extremely well. The company has shown that selling and distributing beer can be very profitable if you can get your act right".

The Electrical components group, A.F. Bulgin, hit a high for the year of 31p yesterday, up 2p on the day, after a bullish investment newsletter enthused over the new management and direction of the company. Profits of £750,000 this year and £1.5 million to £2 million next year are predicted.

At Laurie, Milbank, the stockbroker, analyst Mr John Walters has told clients to switch from highly rated regionals such as **Boddingtons** and **Greene King** into **Vaux Breweries**. Mr Walters points out that Vaux will get around 45 per cent of profits this year from hotels but is currently rated at below the average price-earnings mark even for breweries. Vaux shares were 3p higher at 252p yesterday.

News of more than £7,250,000 worth of orders helped shares in **Hestair**, the bus and coach maker, jump 4p to 55p. After an unhappy set of half-year figures back in September, the shares are now comfortably above their 42p low point.

At **Perry (H) Motors** there was confirmation of the sale of Perrylease to United Dominions Trust. The motor distributor has received the £727,970 of the leasing subsidiary's reserves, plus a £50,000 payment from UDT. Perry will get the future earnings arising from the "leased asset portfolio existing at the date of sale". The group's share price rose 7p to 89p.

Some "significant" buying is behind the rise in Peek Holdings from 18p to 27p over the past week. The feeling is that chairman Mr John Leworthy – the stockbroker best known for his shrewd takeover deals at Crystalate – will soon be working his magic on Peek, a grain storage and handling business which finished last year with a deficit of £313,000. L Messels, the broker, is forecasting for up to £250,000 profits this year.

Elsewhere among motor traders, **BSG International** gained 1p to 22p following the repeat of City bid gossip. **British Car Auction**, led by Mr David Wickins, is thought to be ready to pounce. BCA shares went 1p higher to 85p.

Atlanta Investment Trust added a penny to 137p as **Grovebell Group** disclosed it had received acceptances for its £5.6 million bid from holders of 26.01 per cent of the share. The offer, which has a cash alternative of 127½, has been extended for a week. Grovebell will need to lift the bid to stay in the game. Its own shares remained unchanged at 17p.

United Biscuits stepped into the market limlight, rising 6p to 186p on talk of a bid for the company. Beatice Foods of the US is reckoned to be in the market for more food companies, having hived off its chemicals interests to ICI last week.

But UB's chairman, Sir Hector Laing, says: "We keep an eye on the shares and there is nothing unusual going on, so far as we are aware. I do not know of any aproaches or of anyone looking at the company".

Sir Hector and his family is the biggest single shareholder, but has less than 10 per cent of the foods group – "more than the Pru, but not as much as I would like", he says.

No spokesman for Beatrice was available yesterday, but a takeover try on UB looks unlikely for the US company which has been selling food businesses as well as chemical companies inthe past year. Beatrice has a known strategy of building up companies and selling them on, and not of investing in mature businesses. At the same time, UB's success in the American market must make the group appealing to US investors.

C H Beazer has extended its offer for **Bath & Portland** until December 28, having only received acceptances for 0.16 per cent of B & P's ordinary shares.

B&B's share price remained at 277p, 40p above Beazer's share and cash offer price. Beazer shares gained 2p to 362p.

Gilts traded quietly yet again ahead of the announcement of two new taplests and looked back at last week's PSBR figures, which showed continuing pressure on Government funding targets. Prices showed around £⅛ and £¼ lower at the close.

● **CANVERMOOR:** Final 2.44p, mkg. 3.64p (same) for year to Sep 30. Turnover £3.74 million (£3.1 million). Pft. before tax, £402.565 (£521.165). The combined effects of the continuing recession in the North, and more seriously the miners' strike, depressed profits considerably. With its national sale force and distribution network, Canvermoor is now moving away from total reliance on its soft drinks activities into other products and brands; although still related to the licensed trade. The company's continuing policy of innovation and aggressive marketing and selling will, the board is convinced, bear fruit once the damage cause by the miners' strike is repaired and the recession eases in the licensed trade.

TEMPUS

S&N beats stagnation through expansion

When Scottish & Newcastle Breweries last reported its figures the company had just had its takeover bid for J.W. Cameron, the Hartlepool brewer, thwarted by a reference to the Monopolies Commission. Yesterday's announcement of interim results had also been preceded by takeover activity although this time S & N's bid for Moray Firth Maltings should go through unhindered

This flurry of takeover activity is indicative of S & N's strategy which is designed to ensure that the group does not get bogged down in markets which threaten to stagnate.

The acquisition will not only ensure that S & N has its own in-house malt supply – only 10 per cent is manufactured internally against an industry average of about 75 per cent – but it will also push the group's interests into areas not normally associated with the brewing companies.

Moray Firth has strong links with farming and has two subsidiaries involved in agricultural merchanting. It may well be that S & N's acquisition strategy will ignore the well-trodden leisure and drink related path and adopt a more diverse course which will guide it into growth sectors such as financial services.

Even without these developments the group looks in good shape and yesterday's pretax profits of £37.5 million were almost £6 million up on last year. The improvement was largely attributable to an excellent half year from the hotels division

However, brewing profits were also ahead and the performance was even more encouraging considering the exposure that S & N has to the miners' strike. Volumes improved and the proportion of lager sales again increased Canned beers disappointed but without the marketing campaign in support it was always going to be difficult to match last year's excellent volumes.

The shares were up 4p to 136½p and they might just be ready for an upward run.

BOC

Mr Richard Giordano, chairman and chief executive of BOC, had a 48 per cent rise in salary last year to £771,000 – way out in front of the competition as usual – while the group as a whole turned in a growth performance only a few percentage points below the managing director's emoluments. Pretax profits rose by 44 per cent to £138 million.

His salary increase is explicable – he received a rise and invoices in dollars – and so too is the profits gain, as US demand for industrial gases climbed on the back of the federal deficit-financed gain in output. But the rating suffered. In the last year, the shares have underperformed the market by about 25 per cent, and by nearly 10 per cent in the last month.

BOC is worried that it lags behind the other gas competitors, like Air Products and Air Liquide, in terms of multiples. Hence yesterday's "mission to convince" meeting with the analysts, coinciding with the publication of the annual report.

The wherefore is not altogether clear, since BOC, by its own admission, plans no big acquisitions, no diversificatory movers, and is not intending to raise massive amount of cash via equity issues. But the board's concern is real enough, no company likes descending into the bottom half of the London market, in what is increasingly a two-tier structure.

Gearing should be viewed in terms of cash flow. Although over a third of equity, on the calculation, such is BOC's cash that it could cover the whole of its debt with two year's gross cash flow. It can contemplate making a capital spend of about £300 million with no increment to debt.

Not only is the gearing voluntary, but it forms part of BOC's vurtuous circle of operations, whereby high capital spending brings down costs, freezes the opposition, and encourages switching to gas from traditional output methods. More crudely, BOC now accounts for nearly a fifth of the US market, and is increasingly a price-maker.

Add in as well the fact that each particular gas at BOC has its own industrial cycle, not exclusively linked toe gdp trends, and a re-rating case is possible. But the same applies to many companies. The London analysts are tough and will take some convincing.

Stock Conversion

Stock Conversion and Investment Trust's results are again up to expectations with a £1.74 million rise and a dividend increase of 25 per cent. But the question remains as to the future direction of the company after the death of its chairman a week ago. Mr Harry Norris has now taken over as chairman fr om Mr Robert Clark.

Not only has the company lost Mr Clark, it has lost Mr Hugh Jenkins, formerly the director general of investment for the National Coal Board pension funds as a non-executive director.

Some in the City feel that Stock Conversion will be looking for a small property company with management expertise which it can take on board to give some weight to whatever direction it may now take. Stock says it sees no reason to change its policies arguing that results speak for themselves.

One such sphere could be the future development of the former White City stadium in West London, which the company has bought from the GRA Group for £1.7 million.

It is not only the questiion of selling the White City site that may arise at Stock Conversion. With a portfolio valued at about £210 million largely concentrated in London office markets, Stock could find itself on the end of a bid from another large property company. Stock Conversion's share were 420p, compared with the 403p peak which came after the death of Mr Clark.



Shop rents forecast to exceed inflation

By Judith Huntley, Commercial Property Correspondent

Shop rents look set to surge ahead of inflation into the middle of 1986. They are currently rising at 7 per cent a year in real terms and should keep up this trend until next spring. Growth will then slow but still outstrip inflation until 1986.

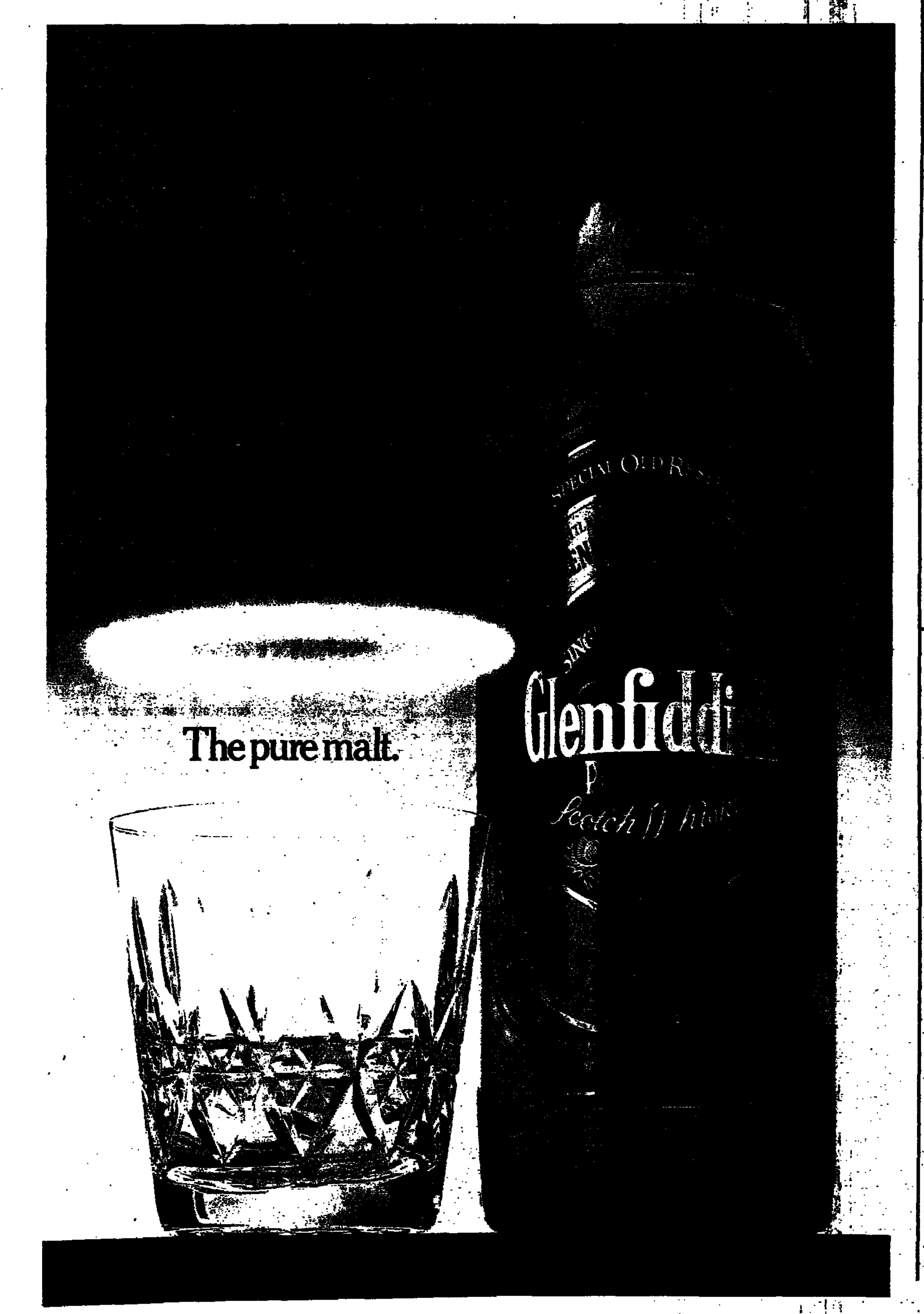
The forecast comes from the latest survey of shop rents by Hillier Parker & Rowden, the chartered surveyors.

The forecast is based on the relationship between retail profits which lagged for one year and personal disposable income. It says that retail profits have risen rapidly and although the rate of increase is beginning to slow down it will still have an upward influence on shop rents for some time.

Hillier Parker predicts that inflation will stay near its present level of about 5 per cent and that rents will grow between 9 and 13 per cent a year over the next 18 months. If this fairly modest rise is maintained it will still be only half the increase seen during 1977-1979, boom years for retailing.

The company says that its survey reveals a fundamental change in the market for prime high street retail property, in that it no longer responds to economic events as it did in the past. Other less fashionable forms of shop property have responded better to rises in retail sales volume than the high street, traditionally the most favoured form of retail property.

Small towns and secondary locations have seen rental levels more responsive to the volume of sales.



FINANCIAL SERVICES

Portrait of a debt rescheduler

The man who has negotiated for British banks during the height of the Latin American debt crisis retires this week

By John Lawless

Nobody could have been more appropriately schooled for the totally unexpected task of having to reschedule $300 billion (£250 billion) worth of Latin American debt than Mr Guy Huntrods.

Nineteen years ago, while two-thirds through a 30-year career with the Bank of England, he helped Brazil establish its central bank – with which, in the past two years and now as head of Lloyds Bank International's Latin American division, he has been negotiating on behalf of all British banks.

Two years later, in 1967, he became Britain's alternate executive director at the International Monetary Fund. He was there throughout the period when Britain went through a dress rehearsal – forced to devalue the pound and accept an IMF-monitored economic recovery programme in exchange for a ... billion loan – which first Mexico and, most recently, Argentina have now re-enacted.

He went into the latest debt crisis "after many years of being intimately concerned with Latin America", he says, "of knowing the countries and a lot of the relevant personalities at first hand", and having also been "through the economic adjustment process when Britain was at the sharp end, and when its policies were under strict IMF scrutiny".

But for the Falklands conflict and its aftermath, Mr Huntrods would be happily retired by now. It sent the dollar-dominoes tumbling across the continent, as banks stopped their short-term lending to countries that were often using it to fund long-term projects.

"I am 18 months into injury time," is his way of describing how the day-to-day demands of debt talks have pulled him beyond the usual retirement age of 60 for LBI's executive directors.

The crisis, though, has been no respecter of manmade timetables, except perhaps for those of Concorde, on which Mr Huntrods has shuttled to an from meetings in New York nearly 40 times in the past 18 months or so.

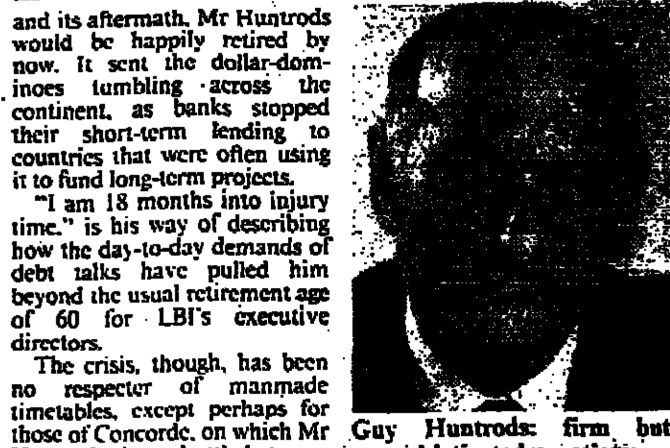
Last week he flew in the opposite direction, to Zurich, for a meeting which should signal the end of the maximum danger period – and allow him to retire.

At that meeting, the Argentine economy minister, Señor Bernardo Grinspun, will have to persuade European creditor banks to lend afresh to a new loan $4.2 billion as part of the package negotiated last week by 11 leading banks which make up the Argentine Working Committee.

Mr Huntrods has occupied the British seat on the committee during a time when his country has had no diplomatic, political or trade links with its all-too-recent military adversary. "It has always been a difficult path to tread", he acknowledges, "between the legitimate commercial interests of the British banks and the paramenters of a political situation which are highly sensitive".

Fellow-bankers on the committee "have always been very understanding of my problem and extremely supportive in any issues which have smacked of discrimination against the United Kingdom".

"Bluring of issues has become a way of life," he says. "Sometimes, a lot of trouble can be saved by calling a spade a bloody shovel – provided you do it gracefully."



Guy Huntrods: firm but sophisticated negotiator

Mr Huntrods has also been on the Uruguayan committee, but became deputy chairman of the Brazil committee after a reshuffle of its bank members about two years ago. His presence on it at the top, the international financial community agrees, was crucial to the whole Latin American debt rescheduling programme that was to follow.

"Phase one of the Brazilian operation had been a shambles," an American banker recalled last week, "after the Brazilians had walked into a meeting, declared 'This is what the banks have got to do' and walked out again.

"They then had to go into phase two, last year, seeking the exceptional amount of $6.5 billion in new money, with the world's financiers backing off triple-fast. If Brazil had gone under then, and Mexico too, as seemed highly possible, lots of those bankers would have gone with them."

The LBI team of Mr Huntrods and a younger executive, Mr Christopher Brougham is credited with being inventive beyond the call of their bank's (undeclared) exposure. "They managed to change, for example, the way banks thought about their inter-bank, or six-month, lending of excess liquidity," the US banker added. "Instead of pulling it out, they convinced banks that it was viable for them, and essential for all, to kept that cash in longer."

It was, however, the partnership on Brazil that quickly grew between the new committee chairman, Mr Bill Rhodes, a senior vice-president with Citibank, and Mr Huntrods, that was to provide a crucial part of the long-term framework for the whole Latin American rescheduling programme.

In the frantic six to eight weeks of telephoning 700 banks worldwide to get commitments to Brazil's $6.5 billion loan, observers say that the cigar-smoking Mr Rhodes contributed the US-style, never-give-up aggressiveness, while Mr Huntrod's British sophistication and quiet determinatioon was the perfect foil.

At 10.30pm on the night before the commitments' deadline, a telex arrived in New York from a Spanish bank for $10 million pushing the total through $6 billion. "Gentlemen," Mr Huntrods told an informal committee dinner, "the impossible has just been achieved." (In the end they scraped together $10 million more than needed).

Some of Mr Huntrods's declarations have gone into financial folklore. He once told a debtor, who complained he had not had "complete justice", that such a thing could only be got on the day he "met the Great Rescheduler in the Sky".

Plain-speaking has got Mr Huntrods a reputation of being an extremely hard negotiator – but his bank committee colleagues got it right when, at a farewell dinner in New York last week, they gave him a T-shirt. It was inscribed with the words: "Speak softly, but always carry a sword of steel".

Lest anyone should think that Mr Huntrods has only applied tough principles to poor Third World countries in the past three years, there are IMF officials who remember him telling a visiting official who was asking for a massive standby credit, that "We cannot behave like that".

That happened in 1969 – and the official was British.

Pretax loss cut sharply at Redfearn

By Alison Eadie

The reorganization of its glass container business helped Redfearn National Glass to produce an operating profit of £1.1 million in the year to September 30 compared with a loss of £2.1 million.

At the pretax level a loss of £225,000 was registered against a previous loss of £3.7 million, but an extraordinary credit of £856,000 resulted in an attributable profit of £612,000 compared with a loss in 1983 of £9.2 million.

The extraordinary items came largely from the sale of properties surplus to requirements.

Turnover decreased by 11 per cent to £56.5 million following the consolidation of glass operations at a single site. RN Plastics made its first full-year profit of £110,000 against a loss of £238,000 in 1983.

The company says the more favourable trend in profitability has continued in the early part of the current financial year and it views 1985 with confidence. Despite the recovery, a nominal dividend of 0.1 per share was recommended for the second year running.

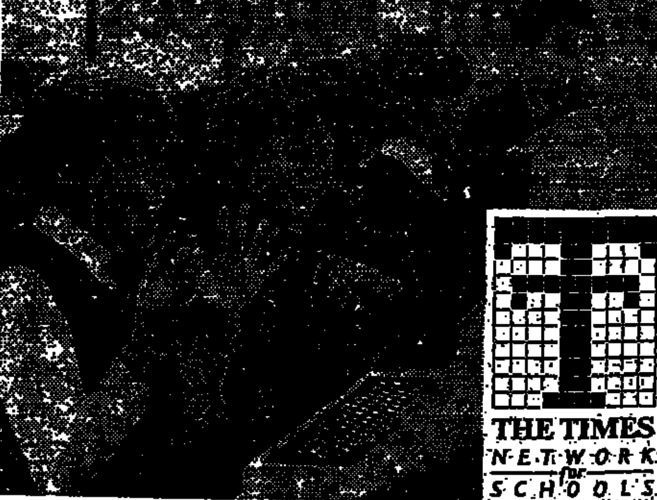
The shares rose 9p to 55p on the results.

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The Times Schools Network Competition

The Times Network For Schools is offering schools the chance to win one of the first Acorn ABC Business Machines in a nationwide competition sponsored by Acorn Computers. Students are invited to submit ideas for a project linked to any curriculum subject, which will be run on the Times Network for Schools later in 1985. The winning student will also receive an Acorn Electron home computer, with prizes of the new edition Times Atlas for 10 runners-up and their schools.

Launched in November, *The Times* Network for Schools (TTNS) is a communication system for education, providing electronic mail nationwide, and a central database of information. Schools use their microcomputers, plus a package of hardware and software from TTNS, to dial into the network and over half of the local education authorities in the UK are participating in the initial phase. Costs are subsidized by industrial and commercial sponsors, many of whom contribute data or programs to the database.

TO ENTER

The competition is open to students aged 11 to 18 years inclusive and is not restricted to members of TTNS. No technical programming is required and schools do not need computer equipment in order to enter.

Entrants are asked to devise an imaginative and original communications project that makes best use of TTNS features, and expands the use of computers in any curriculum subject. The educational and social merits of the scheme will be taken into consideration, as will the practical implementation, and entrants should bear in mind its international possibilities.

The main features of TTNS are:

1. Inter-school communication nationwide, using computers.
2. A central database, searchable by menu or keyword.
3. Fast transmission of large data files or software programs, with built-in error correction.

Write down your idea on a single sheet of paper, using no more than 250 words. Include name, age, address and telephone number, together with the name and address of your school. Send the completed entry to: TTNS Competition, PO Box 7, 200 Grays Inn Road, London WC1 8EZ.

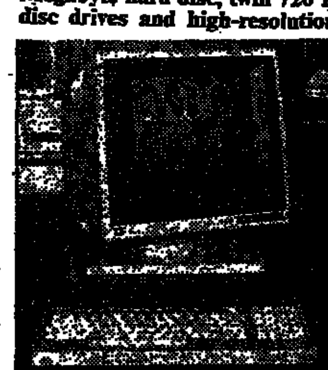
The closing date for entries is Thursday, 31 January, 1985.

The judges' decision will be final and the age of entrants will be taken into consideration. Names of winners will be published in *The Times* no more than two weeks after the closing date. Any material submitted becomes the sole property and copyright of *The Times* Network Systems.

The prizes

First Prize

For the school: An Acorn ABC 110 Business Computer with 10 Megabyte hard disc, twin 720 K disc drives and high-resolution



colour screen. A selection of software plus Econet local area networking facilities.

For the student: An Acorn Electron home computer with 64k memory, which is now fully expandable up to a disc system.

The winning school will also receive a year's free membership of *The Times* Network for Schools. (If the winning school is already part of the network, the subscription will be refunded.)

Ten Runners-up

For the school: A copy of *The Times* Atlas of the World (retail price £45). For the student: A copy of *The Times* Concise Atlas (£18.50).

1984: but with no thanks to Orwell

THE YEAR

By Bill Johnstone
Technology Correspondent

The year never lived up to its Orwellian promise. Television did take some faltering steps towards Big Brother through the auspices of the European Commission which officially recognized that satellite television, through which programmes would be beamed across national boundaries, was no longer a promise but a reality.

That recognition meant that television would not in the future be controlled by the political forces of which George Orwell was so fearful. That acknowledgement was made in the summer by the commission, through the publication of a Green Paper, and could prove the most significant influence on the Information Technology industry between now and 2004.

Satellites had been in the news at the beginning of the year. British insurance brokers, who in January had been making plans to provide the insurance for £7,000 million worth of satellites and space craft due for launching during the year, were licking their wounds by the spring when an abortive space shuttle mission was to lose two communication satellites.

Two separate amounts totalling £75 million comprised London's share of the compensation to be paid to the owners of the satellites. Westar 6, owned by Western Union with an insurance cover of $104 million – 50 per cent of which was insured in London – was the first shock in the February mission.

Within two days the Indonesian government satellite-Palapa B2 was lost. It had been re-insured abroad for $75 million, of which nearly two thirds was placed in London. The story had a poor start but a happy ending.

Both satellites were recovered in the autumn by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) which was as keen to recover lost pride as it was the lost satellites.

While the European Commission was prepared to accept that satellite television was inevitable, the British were not convinced. For most of the year the BBC and then later the independent television companies with industrial partners, were to vacillate over the commercial viability of a Direct Broadcasting Satellite (DBS). The original partnership of the BBC and the satellite consortium British Aerospace, Marconi and British Telecom, had been inspired by a government keen on promoting British industry but having little idea how to do it.

It became clear that the preferred satellite design on commercial grounds would be American. If the last 12 months is to be followed by another year of the same indecision France, Germany, Luxembourg and even Ireland will have their satellites in orbit well before the British.

The Green Paper *Television Across Frontiers* highlighted the spirit of the Treaty of Rome which was to encourage "cross-border" transfers of broadcasts and data. Every member of the Community, at least in theory, had the right to have free access. Commenting on the Green Paper the EEC had said about television: "As one of the key media in the dissemation of information, ideas and opinions, television can play an important role in nurturing Europeans' awareness of their cultural and historical heritage".

Worthy sentiments indeed but the issues will need to be addressed by the member states in 1985 as a matter of urgency. The Commission had stressed that the Green Paper was but a discussion document. That was a political smokescreen. Everyone on the IT industry knows that the questions raised by the paper must not only be addressed but solved.

It was the pressure from the Commission which was also instrumental in forcing Britain to modernize its laws on computer data. Such legislation had been discussed in Britain for about 20 years but governments of both right and left had been reluctant to legislate. The Commission however was determined to ensure that computer data – of a sensitive nature – would be afforded the same protection in each if its member states. Such legislation would ensure that the transfer of information across state borders would be simple – a fundemental ingredient in the information technology society of this decade. Conferences, seminars and presentations have been organized throughout the year to educate businessmen on the Data Protection Act and the legality of their controls on data. This year they will really need to become expert or they will find themselves, no matter how innocent, on the wrong side of the law.

But two themes were to dominate the IT industry during 1984: the privatization of British Telecom and the growing skills shortage. A 16-man committee led by junior industry minister Mr John Butcher attempted to help. Its first report published in July tried to steer a smooth passage around industry and the education establishment.

It called for a marriage between industry and academia. John Butcher was reluctant to offend any party and made it clear on the publication of his paper that it was to be the basis for discussion. The truth is that the educational establishment has been reluctant to change its methods of working, respond positively to the needs of modern society and recognize the value of numeracy. Industry is equally to blame. It had for decades treated its engineers almost with contempt and has reserved its hansomest rewards for non-technical middle management and marketeers.

It has also been reluctant to accept its responsibilities to train and educate its staff. It usually complained about academia while using every excuse not to invest in its own personnel.

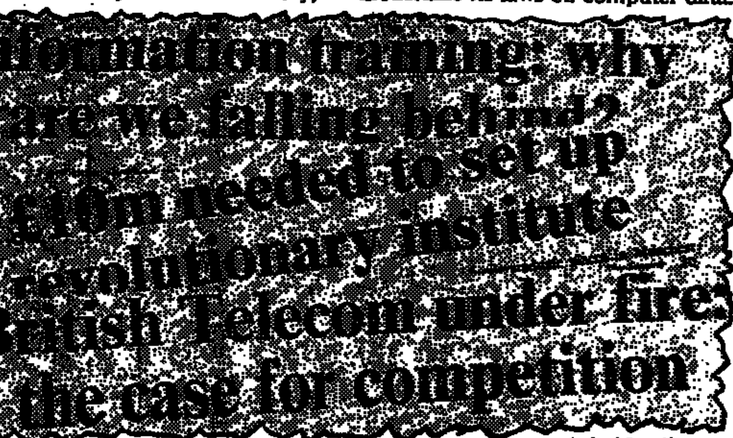
About ten industrialists have got together to provide most of the funding for a £10 million Institute of Technology, based in Milton Keynes. Graduate, post graduate and conversion courses will be offered next year, a move which may revolutionize the IT sector and the way it responds to education. It is but one project. There must be more. Britain in 1985 will have an even greater IT deficit than the £2,000 million one which it acummulated this year.

But the privatization of British Telecom and its growing stature in the IT industry was one of the major debating points in 1984. There were those who were fearful that a privatised British Telecom would have too much influence on the IT sector. Proponents of that view were to thwart the corporation's ambitions in the latter part of the year to go into partnership with IBM to offer a computer data management network.

There were those who believe that a multinational British Telecom will put the UK on the international IT map and that privatization will help to achieve that end.

The flotation of British Telecom was extremely successful and surprised even the most optimistic supporters of privatization. Previous attempts to sell off other government stock had not had the same response, but British Telecom was to prove different. There are many who were fearful of a shareholder register that was measured in hundreds of thousands if not millions. There were others who believed that a new breed of capitalist-socialists was about to be born.

Both supporters and opponents recognize the big brother status of British Telecom. Maybe Orwell had it right after all.



Headliners of the year

Is it really nix to Unix?

By Kevan Pearson

With IBM expected to launch a version of the Unix operating system for its mainframes early next year, a US report predicts a limited future for the system. International Research Development, a research organization, predicts that Unix will not penetrate the commercial market widely. At best, says the company, Unix will remain a "niche standard" in the markets in which it already enjoys a considerable amount of success, such as education and science and engineering.

IBM has put Unix on several of its existing systems, such as the PC and specialist scientific system the System 9000, available only in the US. But it has emphasized that these implimentations are clearly aimed for the education and scientific markets, as the company explained when it launched the PC/AT with Xenix, a Unix-based system, in the UK in September. Putting Unix on the company's mainframes is likely to be an extension of this policy.

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[illegible] a group of [illegible] computer companies, [illegible] ICL are believed to be [illegible] to organize themselves so [illegible] a US takeover of [illegible] Unix market. [illegible] major European computer suppliers have announced support for Unix; they now feel the more advanced US suppliers could steal their markets.

UK events

CADCAM International Show, NEC, Birmingham, January 8-10 (01-837 3699).

Which Computer? NEC, Birmingham, January 15-18 (01-891 5051).

Micro Show, Leisure Centre, Swansea, January 17-29 (0202 [illegible]

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International Microcomputer Fair, Frankfurt, Germany, January 29-February [illegible]

MEXCOM, Mexico City, Mexico, February 26-28 [illegible]

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A MERRY XMAS FROM ALL AT MAIN FRAME.

What Santa's carrying for US hi-tech addicts

By Geoffrey Ellis

For the gadget-conscious, Christmas provided an opportunity to catch up on all of the items which the advertisers would have you believe, make life just that little bit easier.

This year is no exception, especially for gift-crazy Americans, where magazine advertisements make rich picking for gadget-devotees. Though ads still offer traditional goodies such as electrically heated socks, brass reading lamps and personalized table mats, it is in the high-tech microchip area that the true innovator will find happiness.

One big-seller this year is a device that no pampered motorist should be without. For only $260 (about £216) it is possible to wire up your car with a computer-controlled box that allows the driver to to sit in the comfort of the home, while box fitted to the car, starts the engine, adjusts the heater, switches on the demister and sets the choke.

The aptly named Wizard of Wine gives a digital appraisal of 249 vintages, and, as the copy reads, "with the Wizard of Wine computer at your fingertips, you're the expert on French, Italian, German, and Californian wines". Looking like a pocket calculator it has an LCD display which lists vintage years for 11 wine regions, and rates each year's harvest on a numerical scale, even advising if the wine is ready for drinking. At $39 it sees to be reasonably priced, but is a lot less fun than actually researching the wine with the human senses.

Finally some items for users of the telephone. A portable "auto dialler", also resembling a calculator, enables the user to carry up to 85 names in its memory, recall a number by entering the subscriber's name, and dial the number by holding it to the mouthpiece, where it sends coded data, allowing the phone to dial automatically.

Slightly more sinister are the devices for the paranoid, a neatly packaged telephone scrambling device which makes conversions indecipherable [illegible] service often provided [illegible] this country by [illegible] electronic bug detector which fits in a pocket, enabling the user to walk into a room and spot who is wearing a bug, great possibilities here for updated party games.

Computer Appointments

CRICKET: VICTORY IN SECOND TEST AS INDIA SUCCUMB TO TWO WILY SPINNERS

Arms that disarmed a sub-continent: the spinners Pocock and Edmonds and the batsman Fowler enjoying their high Indian summer

England end their longest drought

From Richard Streeton, Delhi

England's barren period without a victory ended after a gripping day's play here yesterday when they won the second Test match by eight wickets. India's batsmen succumbed to the wiles of Edmonds and Pocock, who shared the last eight wickets between them, and England were left with only 125 to make. Their win ended a sequence of 13 Tests without success, the worst in their history, and levelled the five-match series 1-1.

India were dismissed in their second innings for 235 with only Shastri, who fought hard for two hours and a half, showing any determination in the later stages. India lost their last six wickets for 31 runs after lunch in 90 minutes, with Patil and Kapil Dev, in particular, playing strokes unworthy of their pedigree. It was an unexpectedly abject surrender by a side supposedly trying to force a draw.

Other than changing ends, Edmonds bowled without a break and his figures yesterday were 31-19-31-4, a triumph for skilful flight and subtle changes of pace. Right to the end the bounce was uneven but the pitch never deteriorated as much as expected and there was only slow turn available to the spinners. Pocock, too, showed stamina as well as guile as he bowled 25.4 overs yesterday and took four for 45. In this game Edmonds and Pocock have looked far better bowlers than their Indian counterparts.

England's last Test win was at Trent Bridge against New Zealand in August, 1983. This was their ninth overseas Test since their last win abroad, against Australia in December 1982. And to complete what has been a grisly saga, this was Gower's first win in 11 Tests as England captain. Gower afterwards admitted that it was "a helluva good feeling" to have won at last. "We made the runs in this match that we should have made in Bombay", he said.

He singled out Robinson for his monumental innings of 160. Robinson, he said, had brought the composure and concentration which earned him runs in county cricket into the Test game. "His was a marvellous effort on his first tour and one which is acknowledged to be a difficult one." Gower said there was no stage in the game when he felt England were going to win until the last Indian wicket had fallen. "Our spinners kept going through thick and thin with fortunes up and down. Wickets kept coming at the right time for us."

With tea taken between the innings, England had 59 minutes and 20 overs to reach their target. To seasoned professionals it was a doddle compared with many a third-day run chase undertaken in the championship and England won with 8.2 overs in hand. Gavaskar conceded when the score was 117 and came on to bowl himself. Lamb on-drove him for six and a lofted four over mid-on ended the game.

Fowler, who has been in bed for two days with a stomach upset and did not field earlier, opened with Robinson and they had put on 41 in 10 overs when Robinson pushed forward against Sivaramakrishnan, overbalanced and Shastri at point threw down the wicket. India bowled 12 overs before the last 20 were signalled with England still needing 67. Fowler was caught at silly point but Gatting and Lamb finished the game with a succession of fiercely struck boundaries.

At the start Edmonds opened the bowling with Cowans and drew first blood in the day's second over when Amarnath played down the wrong line and had his off stump clipped. India, resuming at 128 for two, were only 17 ahead and needed runs as well as survival for their batsmen. Patil hit two leg-side fours against Cowans but the fast bowler gave Gavaskar a torrid time, twice hitting him on the body. No batsman can be more obdurate than Gavaskar when necessary and from the way he grimly played every ball, it seemed that he would be there all day.

Gavaskar, though, having added 14 in 70 minutes, was suddenly bowled by Pocock, perhaps the most significant ball Pocock managed all day. Gavaskar, a little surprisingly, was making room to square cut but the ball bounced more than usual and his middle stum was knocked back. Shastri can bat defensively and gave England little hope from the moment he arrived but a rearguard action is contrary to Patil's instincts and it showed.

Patil was 22 and the total 177 when Gower clearly thought he had taken a low catch at silly point off Pocock. Shastri had scored three runs in 17 overs when he changed gear and square drove Edmonds for two successive fours. In the last over before lunch Patil pulled Pocock over long on for six to take India to 204 at the interval. It was an ambitious stroke so near the interval and a portent of what was to come. In the England dressing room, apparently, there was a communal discussion whether the new ball, which was now available, should be taken and the decision against was quickly justified.

Fifteen minutes after lunch India's slump began when, in successvie overs, Patil and Kapil Dev were out to dreadfully rash strokes. Patil tried to pull Edmonds over mid-wicket but mistimed the stroke and Lamb held the catch there. Kapil Dev on-drove Pocock for six and next ball was caught at deep mid-off trying for another big hit. Patil had been in two hours and had relutantly treated the spinners with respect. Kapil Dev's performance was a poor piece of cricket.

When Gaekwad edged a catch behind off Edmonds, India had lost three wickets in five overs. They were 105 runs on and three hours remained, with the match for the first time definitely tilting towards England. Kirmani was the next obstacle to be removed and Pocock did the trick with a sharply turning ball that spun back into the wicket as the batsman jabbed down on it. Yadav early on survived a confident appeal for a low catch by Cowdrey at forward short leg off Edmonds. Cowdrey hurled the ball to the ground in his disappointment.

The umpire also rejected a similar appeal against Yadav to Gower at silly point and Shastri survived a leg-before appeal when he missed an intended sweep against Pocock. At times both teams taxed the umpires' patience, with Shastri wasting time when he complained about a television arc light on the pavilion wall. England finally broke through again when Yadav, after lingering 40 minutes, edged a catch to gully as he played a defensive stroke against Edmonds. Three overs later, Sivaramakrishman gave Pocock a return catch.

ENGLAND First Innings 418 (R T Robinson 160, P R Downton 74, A J Lamb 52; L Sivaramakrishnan 6 for 99)

Second Innings

G Fowler, c Vengsarkar, b Sivaramakrishnan	29
R T Robinson, run out	18
M W Gatting, not out	30
A Lamb, not out	37
Extras (b4, lb7, nb2)	13
Total (2wkts)	127

D I Gower, C S Cowdrey †P R Downton, P H Edmonds, R M Ellison, P T Pocock and N G Cowans did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS. 1–41, 2–68.

BOWLING: Kapil Dev, 6–0–20–0; Prabhakar, 3–0–18–0; Sivaramakrishnan, 8–0–41–1; Yadav, 2–0–7–0; Shastri, 4–0–20–0; Gavaskar, 0.4-0-10-0.

Third Test: December 31-January 5 (Calcutta). Fourth Test: January 13-18 (Madras). Fifth Test: January 31-February 5 (Kanpur).

INDIA: First Innings 307 (Kapil Dev 60; R M Ellison 4 for 66).

INDIA: Second Innings

*S M Gavaskar, b Pocock	65
M Prabhakar, c Downton, b Cowans	5
D B Vengsarkar, b Cowans	1
M B Amarnath, b Edmonds	64
S M Patil, c Lamb, b Edmonds	41
R J Shastri, not out	25
Kapil Dev, c Lamb, b Pocock	7
A D Gaekwad, c Downton, b Edmonds	0
†S M H Kirmani, b Pocock	6
S N Yadav, c Lamb, b Edmonds	1
L Sivaramakrishnan, c and b Pocock	0
Extras (b6, lb-10, nb-3, w-1)	20
Total	235

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–12, 2–15, 3–138, 4–172, 5–207, 6–214, 7–216, 8–225, 9–234, 10–235

BOWLING: Cowans, 13–2–43–2; Ellison, 7–1–20–0; Edmonds, 44–24–60–4; Pocock, 38.4–9–93–4; Gatting, 1–0–3–0.

UMPIRES: D N Dotiwala and P D Reporter.

● David Gower is to take a five-day break from England's winter tour in India.

He will miss the match with East Zone starting in Gauhati today to spend five days at a game reserve near Jaipur in connection with the World Wildlife Fund.

India drop Kapil Dev

Delhi (Agencies) – India have dropped their former captain, Kapil Dev, for the first time. Hours after India were beaten here yesterday by England, he was omitted from the squad for the Third Test in Calcutta.

Kapil Dev, aged 25, became a national hero after he led India to victory in the World Cup in England last year. His omission from the Test and the one-day international at Cuttack on December 27 – means he is out of the squad for the first time in the 66 Tests India have played since he made his debut in Pakistan in the 1978-79 series.

He became the youngest cricketer in Test history to complete the double of 1,000 runs and 100 wickets when he accomplished the feat 27 days after his 21st birthday.

Indian cricket officials would not comment on reasons for his omission, but he is reported to have has a heated argument with his captain Sunil Gaveskar, who accused him of throwing his wicket away. He came in with India struggling in a difficult position – 96 runs ahead and five wickets left. He lifted the second delivery he faced for a six, but was caught at extra cover by Lamb when he tried to repeat the stroke off the next ball, making only seven runs.

Kapil Dev replaced Gavaskar as India's captain after a disastrous tour of Pakistan in 1982-83.

Place for Agnew's pace

Jonathan Agnew's basic pace secured him a place ahead of other candidates as Paul Allott's replacement on England's tour of India (Richard Streeton writes). As soon as England heard yesterday that it would be best for Allott to return home for treatment to his injured back, they asked for a fast bowler to take his place and suggested Agnew. England felt it was essential to have another fast bowler in case Cowans was injured or they encountered a wicket when they might wish to build their attack around pace.

Allott's problem was diagnosed as inflammation of a pinched nerve in the base of his spine. With rest and treatment he has every chance of being able to rejoin the tour in early February for the Australian section. The injury is a bitter disappointment to Allott, who regained an England place last summer when he bowled as well as at any time in his career.

Agnew, who took 84 wickets at 28.72 last season, bowled encouragingly when he won his first England cap in the fifth Test match with West Indies at the Oval. He took some punishment against Sri Lanka but there is no question of his potential. He bowls more bad balls than the best fast bowlers but is capable of reaching genuine speed.

Australia drop Alderman

Sydney (Reuter) – Craig McDermott, the uncapped opening bowler, and Andrew Hilditch and Greg Matthews, the discarded internationals, have been called up by Australia for the fourth Test against West Indies at Melbourne on Saturday.

They were named yesterday in a squad of 13 as Australia seek to change their fortunes after losing the first three matches in the five-Test series.

McDermott is a talented 19-year-old Queensland fast-medium bowler who has forced his way into contention with some impressive performances in the Sheffield Shield. Hilditch, the South Australian opener, is recalled after winning the last of his nine Test caps five years ago.

Matthews, the New South Wales all-rounder, made his debut in the 1983-84 home series against Pakistan, in which he played twice. He was discarded after only one other Test, against West Indies in the Caribbean earlier this year.

John Dyson, the opener, And Terry Alderman, the fast-medium bowler, are dropped from the team who lost the Third test in Adelaide last week.

Robbie Kerr, Queensland's uncapped opening batsman, has been placed on standby for Graeme Wood, who will have a fitness test in Melbourne on Thursday for a muscular strain.

AUSTRALIA: A Border (captain), R Hogg (vice-captain), M Bennett, D Boon, A Hilditch, B Holland, K Hughes, G Lawson, C McDermott, G Matthews, S Rixon, K Wessels, G Wood.

Victory eludes Tasmania

Devonport (Reuter) – Injury-hit Tasmania, chasing 162 in 100 minutes and 20 overs to beat the West Indians, finally settled for a draw at 110 for six on the final day of their four-day match. Australian cricket's smallest state suffered injuries to seven of their players during the game, but after bowling out the mighty West Indians twice, had high hopes of victory.

Richards, acting as captain in place of Lloyd, set most of the fielders around the boundary, and relied entirely on the pace of Walsh and Baptiste to keep a tight check on the Tasmanians.

WEST INDIANS: First Innings 184 (E A E Baptiste 54, R Brown 4 for 72)

Second Innings

R B Richardson c Hyatt b Patterson	2
†T R O Payne b Ray	55
A L Logie c Woolley b Saunders	134
T V A Richards c Bennett b Ray	11
H A Gomes c Boon b Brown	85
C H Lloyd c Ray b Patterson	49
E A E Baptiste c sub b Brown	0
R A Harper c Goodman b Patterson	11
W W Davis b Brown	6
C A Walsh not out	2
M A Holding absent injured	0
Extras (b 2, l-b 4, n-b 3)	9
Total	364

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–2, 2–128, 3–148, 4–263, 5–345, 6–345, 7–345, 8–352, 9–364

BOWLING Patterson 21 3-3-74-3; Brown 10-3-29-3; Saunders 20-2-104-1; Hyatt 20-2-77-0; Ray 21-2-74-2.

TASMANIA: First Innings 387 (G Goodman 123, M Ray 59; C A Walsh 6 for 119)

Second Innings

G Goodman l-b-w Baptiste	22
M Ray c Richardson b Baptiste	11
D C Boon retired hurt	1
R Bennett c Richards b Walsh	4
D Buckingham b Baptiste	24
*R D Woolley not out	22
S Saunders c Payne b Walsh	13
R Hyatt c sub b Baptiste	6
P Faulkner not out	0
Extras (b 1, l-b 4, n-b 2)	7
Total (6 wkts)	110

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–32, 2–41, 3–53, 4–74, 5–95, 6–110.

BOWLING: Walsh 16-1-38-2; Baptiste 15.5-0-67-4.

RUGBY UNION

How Britain can keep up with the Alan Joneses

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

The greatest danger to British rugby in the wake of the most successful Australian touring party ever is not that we should forget them and their creative, attractive play – that is most unlikely – but that we should look around at our own resources and say: "We do not possess the players, therefore we cannot play in that style."

It has been a swelling theme in the conversation of Alan Jones, the outstanding tour coach, that there is too much doom and gloom in Britain. We tend to look at the debit side before giving a cursory glance at the credits. Thus one hears with a sense of resignation that a national selector who watched one of his country's players make a splendid contribution to Saturday's tour finale between the Barbarians and the Ausralians proceeded afterwards to go through that player's faults.

His tongue may have been in his cheek; selectors, objective men, have to see what their players cannot do as well as what they can. But perhaps if we thought more about maximizing the talents of our players and about organizing our teams to cover weakneses we would produce more effective and more attractive rugby.

That has been the key to Australia's success: they have thought more about their game, they have prepared better, they have analysed the opposition, they have identified their objectives and gone for them regardless of the set backs which have occurred along the way.

With dur regard for the self-effacing management of Chilla Wilson, an immense amount of the credit for this team's record has to go to Jones. His is the most analytical brain I have encountered in charge of a national side and his achievements – and the manner of them – place him alongside the late Carwyn James in modern coaching annals.

Like James, he took the players into his confidence and his players repaid that confidence. Both men were blessed with some outstanding individuals but both men brought the very best out of those individuals. Gibson was picked to tour New Zealand in 1971 as a stand-off half but he played in the internationals as a centre. Lynagh was in the same position in Britain this year.

Jones has approached his task with the view to the whole player, not to forwards of half backs or threequarters. The skills of one hove becone the skills of the other and only when specific unit skills, such as scrums and lineouts, have been practised, has he divided the two areas. A strict disciplinarian, he has known when to relax; during the two days before the game with Wales, the Australians hardly trained at all.

Jones has also been a psychologist. He started looking at videos of the likely opposition back in February, he identified their strengths and part of his strategy has been to attack those strengths. All too often he has found that if an opposing team's primary plan is disrupted, there has been no secondary plan to fall back on.

Jones himself never played rugby at anything other than schoolboy level – he was a full back. Curiously, many of the best referees have been those hardly played the game and may, therefore, have avoided the conceptions of others. He also has no time for the deadening effect of tradition, hypocrisy, fools and the kind of thinking which says rugby is something apart from life.

When the tour reports go before the Australian RFU, the chances are that there will be recommendation for additional, shorter tours to the major rugby-playing countries, not weighted towards international encounters but towards the kind of games which can be enjoyed at the kind of venues which will show young men an alternative way of life. So they will press for the retention of fixtures with Combined Services and for the restoration of Oxbridge to the tour calendar.

Jones says he would love to coach England, bcause of the potential he believes to be there. He sees Scotland as still a considerable force in the land and Ireland to be the dark horses this home season. With two exceptions, he describes the standards of refereeing he has encountered as outstanding, being particularly king towards Messrs Auittenton, Norling and Hilditch.

Perhaps part of Jones's secret is that he is a Queenslander working in New South Wales and has been able to blend the disparate elements of Australian rugby. He has been blessed with many outstanding players, of whom I am inclined to select Gould and Tynman as the most consisent closely pursued by Farr-Jones and Rodriguez, whose well-being has been of immense significance.

Four matches were lost on tour: to Cardiff, Ulster, Llanelli and South of Scotland; and England's South and South-West Division had the better of the only drawn game. The touring party were a delight to travel with. They were disciplined and dedicated without ever losing their high spirits. After all, if players can go winter bathing in the Bristol Channel at Porthcawl, or in the waters of the Tweed, beating Wales and Scotland may come as very small beer.

Australian players' tour records

	Apps	Tries	Cons	Pens	DG	Pts Total
Lynagh	11	3	19	15	1	98
Black	8	1	11	12	–	62
Gould	10	1	5	11	–	47
Ella	10	5	–	–	2	26
Campese	10	6	–	–	–	24
Grigg	9	5	–	–	–	20
Slack	10	4	–	–	–	16
I Williams	5	4	–	–	–	16
Poidevin	10	4	–	–	–	16
Farr-Jones	10	3	–	–	–	12
Burke	9	2	–	–	–	8
Hanley	8	2	–	–	–	8
S Williams	10	2	–	–	–	8
Hawker	9	1	–	–	–	7
Campbell	8	1	–	–	–	4
Codey	8	1	–	–	–	4
Cox	8	1	–	–	–	4
Holt	8	1	–	–	–	4
Lane	8	1	–	–	–	4
Lawton	11	1	–	–	–	4
Rodriguez	10	1	–	–	–	4
Tuynman	9	1	–	–	–	4
Burrow	6	–	–	–	–	–
Calcraft	10	–	–	–	–	–
Cutler	10	–	–	–	–	–
Lillicrap	4	–	–	–	–	–
McBain	8	–	–	–	–	–
Moon	4	–	–	–	–	–
McIntyre	10	–	–	–	–	–
Pilecki	8	–	–	–	–	–
Reynolds	10	–	–	–	–	–
Roche	8	–	–	–	–	–
		51	35	38	4	400

Tour record P 18 W 13 D 1 L 4 For 400 Against 232

Barbarians fillip for Holmes

By David Hands

Terry Holmes, the Welsh scrum half who has been missing from the game since mid-October, when he dislocated a shoulder playing for Cardiff against Pontypool, has been invited to play for the Barbarians against Leicester on December 27. He joins eight members of the side that scored 30 points against the Australians last Saturday.

Holmes's injury, after a collision wih Huish, the Pontypool flanker, prevented him from playing against the Australians either for Cardiff or Wales. But he has played twice for Cardiff Athletic this month, scoring two tries against Garndiffaith last Saturday, and is available for his club's games against Bridgend this week and against Pontypridd on Boxing Day.

It is a strong Barbarians side, including the one uncapped player in Smith, the Wasps wing who made such an impression against the Australians. Stephens, the Bridgend prop who damaged ribs playing for Wales against Australia last month, has not played since but hopes to be fit for the game with Cardiff.

Bath have two testing encounters this Saturday, when they send a team to play Pontypool and entertain Sale at the Recreation Ground. The double fixture arises because, believing that England would have a national merit table, Bath organized the game with Sale and asked Pontypool to play on January 1.

Then, however, the Rugby Football Union arranged a divisional match in Gloucester against the Romanians on New Year's Day, in which Bath are bound to have an interest, so, since both clubs wanted to honour the fixture, Pontypool agreed to revert to the pre-Christmas date.

BARBARIANS (v Leicester): M Wyatt (Swansea and Wales); S Smith (Wasps), R Ackerman (London Welsh and Wales), M Ring (Cardiff and Wales), R Baird (Kelso and Scotland), G Davies (Cardiff and Wales), T Holmes (Cardiff and Wales), I Stephens (Bridgend and Wales), M Watkins (Newport and Wales), G Pearce (Northampton and England), S McGaughey (Hawick and Scotland), W Anderson (Dungannon and Ireland), R Norster (Cardiff and Wales), G Rees (Nottingham and England), J Jeffrey (Kelso and Scotland).

England provide step up ladder for Romanians

By Chris Thau

Even though Romania's first game in England at Twickenham takes place on January 5, in the middle of their traditional midwinter break from the game, the Romanians will not be short of match practice. Their build-up has developed into a six-match, three-country epic.

Romania regard the England game as an important stepping-stone to full international recognition and, as well as last Sunday's game with Spain and the two divisional games which immediately precede that Twickenham match, they have been helped by the French federation.

Claude Dourthe, the former French captain and now a recently-elected member of the FFR, has offered Romania three games, in Bayonne to play a Basque selection (December 19), then in Tarbes for a game against the French Police (December 22) and finally in Foix to meet a Pyranees selection (December 26).

The following day they are due at Manchester and will play the Northern Division at Birkhampstead Park on December 29 and the South and South-West Division at Gloucester (January 1).

By accepting games against the French teams, the Romanians run the risk of injury to their leading players. The games against the Basques and the Police will be particularly testing, but this is a risk Romania are prepared to run. The Rugby Football Union have indicated that, on subsequent occasions, the arrangements would be the same as for France, who usually fly in the Thurday evening before an international.

Results of schools matches

Bancroft's 8, Coopers 3; Bodmin 10, Truro 7; Chislehurst and Sidcup GS 51, Haberdashers' Aske's, Hatcham 3; Dartford GS 4, Eltham 11; Dulwich 10, Sevenoaks 3; Guildford RGS 0, Te Aute, New Zealand 15; Gunnersbury 8, St Ignatius 3; Hampton 27, Tiffin 0; King Edward's, Bath 6, Beechen Cliff, Bath 0; King Henry VIII, Coventry 9, Warwick 10; Lancaster RGS 22, Cowley 0; Langley Park 6, St Mary's, Sidcup 10; London Oratory 13, High Wycombe RGS 31; Loughborough GS 16, King's, Macclesfield 4; Maidstone GS 14, Reigate GS 7; Monmouth 10, Ampleforth 3; Queen Mary's, Walsall 16, Newcastle-under-Lyme 13; St Dunstan's 8, St Olave's 0; St Edmund's, Ware 0, Queen Elizabeth's, Barnet 4.

St Lawrence, Ramsgate 21, Bethany 8; Solihull 6, King Edward's, Birmingham 26; Tonbridge 3, Judd 11; Trinity, Croydon 16, John Fisher 3; UCS 10, Merchant Taylors, Northwood 10; West Park GS 16, St Mary's, Crosby 4; Whitgift 10, Dublin HS 10; Wirral GS 7, King Edward VII, Lytham 0.

GOLF

Ballesteros collects a second trophy

By Mitchell Platts

Severiano Ballesteros yesterday collected his second prize in 24 hours, without having to remove a club from his bag, when he was nominated the Association of Golf Writers' trophy winner of 1984.

Ballesteros, who won the Open championship for a second time when he edged out Tom Watson in a thrilling encounter at St Andrews in July, had received the "overseas" trophy at the BBC Television Sports Personality of the Year awards on Sunday.

The Association of Golf Writers' trophy is awarded each year to the individual, born and resident in Europe, who, in the opinion of a majority of members, has done most for European golf during the preceding 12 months.

Ballesteros, who also received the award in 1979, said: "I'm highly delighted and very appreciative bacause this trophy carries the votes of people within the game who know what they are talking about".

The Spaniard, who went on to win the World Match Play Championship, sponsored by Suntory, at Wentworth and the Million Dollar Challenge in South Africa later in the year, was seen at his most emotional when fisting the air in joy after holing the winning putt at St Andrews.

He explained: "It was the most emotional moment of my life. Winning the Open for the first time is difficult, but I believe that to win it a second time is twice as hard. It was also a very special moment, on I think never to be repeated, because it was at St Andrews and because Tom Watson was challenging hard."

Ballesteros is considering competing in South Africa in the new year but his American campaign will not begin until the Doral Open on February 21.

He is keen to play more in Europe in 1985, with the PGA championship, sponsored by Whyte & Mackay, and the British Masters, sponsored by Dunhill, pencilled in

● Sam Torrance has been named as Scotland's golfer of the year. Torrance, who finished second in the 1984 European order of merit, received the James Gammack Clark award at a lunch in Edinburgh yesterday. Gary Weir, of Haggs Castle, was the under-23 golfer of the year.

Lyle off to US Masters

Sandy Lyle yesterday discovered that, like Sam Torrance, he has been invited to compete in the United States Masters, at Augusta next April (Mitchell Platts writes). Lyle explained: "My father has been keeping the post sent to my old home he found a letter with an Augusta postmark and gave me the good news. It's marvellous. I've played three times in the past, with a best finish of joint 28th in 1981, but I believe that my new grip will give me a better chance this time. The Augusta course is suited to flying the ball high and since I switched my grip I've discovered that I can strike the ball much higher."

SKIING: WENZEL TAKES COMBINED EVENT IN ITALY

Zurbriggen responds to challenge

Madonna di Campiglio, Italy (Reuter) – Marc Girardelli, the Austrian who skis for Luxembourg, swept to victory in the men's World Cup super-giant slalom here yesterday, beating his keenest rival, Pirmin Zurbriggen of Switzerland, by nearly a second.

Girardelli clocked 1 min 41.87secs over the 47-gate course. Another member of the Swiss team, Martin Hangl, was third. The result was good enough to keep Zurbriggen just ahead of Girardelli in the overall World Cup standings.

The race also counted, with the slalom held here on Sunday, towards a combined competition, but both Girardelli and Zurbriggen lost their chance when they were elininated for missing gates in Sunday's race. Andreas Wenzel, Sunday's runner-up and sixth yesterday, finished with the best two-day aggregate.

Ingemar Stenmark, racing on the tenth anniversary of the first of his 79 World Cup victories, finished a disappointing 5.48 seconds behind the winner.

RESULTS: Super-giant slalom: 1, M Girardelli (Lux), 1 min 41.87 sec; 2, P Zurbriggen (Switz), 1.42.78; 3, M Hangl (Switz), 1:43.20; 4, H Enn (Austria), 1:43.21; 5, G Hinterseer (Austria), 1:43.59; 6, A Wenzel (Liech), 1.43.66; 7, I Marzola (It), 1:43.73; 8, T Bürgler (Switz), 1:43.93; 9, J Franko (Yug), 1:43.99; 10, R Erlacher (It), 1:44.14; 11, B Gstrein (Austria), 1 44.25; 12, M Wasmaier, (WG), 1:44.32; 13, R Pramotton (It), 1:44.42; 14, F Piccard (Fr), 1:44 43; 15, P Mueller (Switz), 1:44.52. British placings: 62, M Bell 1:47.22; 93, G Bell, 1:49 45. Combined: 1, Wenzel; 2, T Stangassinger (Austria); 3, M Julen (Switz); 4, Bürgler; 5, P Popangelov, (Bul); 6, B Krizaj (Yug).

WORLD CUP OVERALL STANDINGS: 1, Zurbriggen 104 pts; 2, Girardelli, 95; 3, Wenzel, 67; 4, Erlacher, 54; 5, Julen, 50; 6, Hangl, 68; 7, Bürgler, 52; 8, Krizaj, 42; equal 9, Pramotton and O Toetsch (It), 41.

GIANT SLALOM STANDINGS: 1, Girardelli, 70pts; 2, Zurbriggen, 66; 3, Erlacher, 46; 4, Hangl, 44; equal 5, Bürgler and Wasmaier, 40; 7, Enn, 33; 8, Julen, 29; 9, Pramotton, 27; 10, Franko, 24.

COMBINED STANDINGS: 1, Wenzel, 21.07pts; 2, Stangassinger, 38.30; 3, Julen, 44.44; 4, Bürgler, 44.50; 5, Popangelov, 46.66; 6, Krizaj, 48.77; 7, Pramotton, 49.63; equal 8, Toetsch and I Stenmark (Swe), 56.10; 10, Enn, 56.36.

Edging closer: Madonna di Campiglio brings Marc Girardelli his third victory of the season

● Because of a lack of snow, the women's giant slalom World Cup race planned for Altenmark, Austria, on Friday will now be held in Santa Caterina, Italy, today. A women's downhill scheduled for Santa Catarina tomorrow has been put back to Friday and the first of two men's downhill races at Bormio, Italy, on Friday has been postponed.

● Scotland will host a World Cup speed skiing race in 1985. The Smirnoff flying kilometre will take place at Glenshee, Aberdeenshire, from March 19-23. The competitors are expected to include Franz Weber, of Austria.

BOXING

Warren gives Magri world title chance

By Bryan Stiles

While London's biggest boxing conglomerate contemplate an investigation into their activities by Britain's governing body in the New Year, Frank Warren, their thorniest rival, announced yesterday that he is likely to be involved in world title bouts which could create a turnover of between £3 million and £4 million in 1985.

Clearly relishing the predicament of his rivals, Mickey Duff, Mike Barrett, Jarvis Astaire and Terry Lawless, over allegations that they are operating a cartel, Warren looks forward to a prosperous New Year. "I have never lost money on a promotion yet", he said in a clear reference to the claim that the opposition have been well out of pocket on some of their promotions.

Warren was yesterday to be seen flourishing a telex message of confirmation from the World Boxing Council flyweight champion, Sot Chitalada, of Thailand, announcing that he is willing to come to London to defend his title against Charlie Magri, one of Lawless's prize boxers, at Alexandra Pavilion on February 20. Warren is confident he will have written confirmation of the champion's intentions today of tomorrow.

Warren has asked his matchmaker, Ernie Fossey, to try to persuade Lawless to allow several more of his boxers to appear on the Alexandra Palace bill.

Warren, in the meatime, is pursuing his lucrative plans to promote the challenge by the Welshman, Colins Jones, for the World Boxing Assocation welterweight title, held by Don Curry, of the United States, in Birmingham on January 19, and other world title challenges involving Terry Marsh, the British light-welterweight champion, Pat Cowdell, the European junior lightweight title holder, and of course, Magri.

Marsh's world hopes rest on his ability to beat Peter Eubancks, of Brighton, at the Britainnia Sports Centre, Shoreditch, on January 16. The bout was originally scheduled for Alexandra Palace earlier this month, but Eubanks, whose claim to fame is that he is the only boxer to beat Barry McGuigan, pulled out

On the same bill, the Coventry middleweight Errol Christie, another prize boxer in the Warren camp, will meet the tenth-ranked American, Gonsalo Montes, who recently boxed unsuccessfully for the United States title

Warren also announced yesterday that he is lidging a complaint with the British Boxing Board of Control against Jarvis Astaive, alleging that the entrepreneur has brought boxing into disrepute through the medium of a letter – containing a reference to Warren – that was published in the Sunday Times at the weekend.

● Brian Schumacher, a Royal Navy diver and ABA middleweight champion for the past two years, is in the England team to meet Scotland in the amateur international in Dundee on January 17.

TEAM: light flyweight: J Lyon (St Helen's); flyweight: M Smith (Bushey, Herts); bantam: S Murphy (St Albans); feather: P Hodgkindon (Kirkby) and P English (Gallagher, Oldham); light: C Crook (Chorley); light welter: T Kershaw (Mottram, Manchester); welter: C Blake (Fitzroy Lodge, London); light middle: R Douglas (St George's, London); middle: B Schumacher (RN); light heavy: J Moran (Aston, Birmingham); heavy: D Shiels (Repton, London).

TENNIS

Connors apologizes for his behaviour and escapes disqualification

From Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent, Göteborg

Jimmy Connors has not been disqualified from today's reverse singles in the Davis Cup final between Sweden and the United States. Even if he had been disqualified, the U.S. would have been permitted to replace him. Alan Mills, the referee, admitted yesterday that he had misinterpreted the relevant rule when announcing on Sunday evening that, as Sweden already led 2–0, the five-match final would be over if Connors was disqualified.

Connors incurred fines amounting to a total of roughly £1,650 for his misconduct while losing in straight sets to Mats Wilander. The possibility of disqualification arose because of a comment Connors made at the end of the match.

Yesterday Connors offered a convincing apology to umpire and referee. Mills accepted that, partly because of the importance of the occasion, partly because "a lot of people would have been disappointed had there been a default", and partly because of his sympathetic awareness that Connors was under stress because his wife was expecting a baby "at any minute". On the other hand Mills had reservations about the fact that, having checked the rule again and consulted the International Tennis Federation, he now knew that a disqualified player must be replaced.

The implications offer interesting debating points that could keep us busy for hours. If you had hours to spare you may reasonably start from the premise that – as injury itself does not make substitution mandatory – a player who is mentally or physically infirm may serve his team best by deliberately incurring disqualification.

What with one thing and another, this is turning out to be a bizarre occasion that is testing the sanity of all those closely involved. On Sunday, John McEnroe and Connors, who had been seeded to contest the final of the Masters tournament in New York next month, were both beaten in straight sets by 20-year-old opponents, Henrik Sundstrom and Wilander.

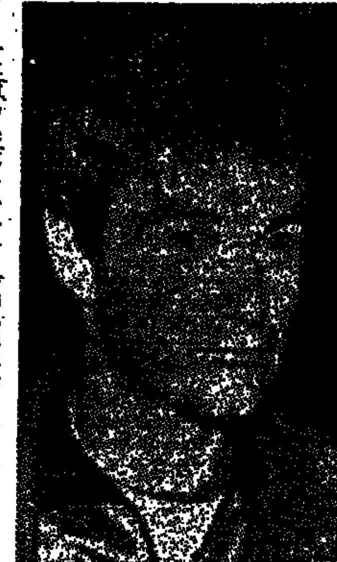
Sweden therefore led 2-0. In the history of this world team championship there has only been one precedent – in 1939, when Australia bounced back against the US – for a team turning 0-2 into 3-2, which was the task confronting the US after Sunday's singles. Those results, mind you, satisfied all non-Americans. It was heartening to see two well-mannered and well-prepared youngsters crush two arrogant, surly celebrities who were neither well-mannered nor well prepared.

Sunday, nevertheless, was surprising. In addition there was the Connors nonsense and the looming if false threat of disqualification and a one-day final. Then it snowed – after one day of a great tennis festival. Yesterday's dawn produced a golden glow of lights from houses and apartment blocks, against a whitened backcloth of conifer-clad hills. The radio offered a remorseless succession of Christmas songs, mawkish and jolly in return.

In an effort to regain a sense of proportion, your correspondent fled to the countryside for two enchanted hours in a wildlife park set among a wintry wonderland of wooded slopes and frozen lakes. When confused, it is useful to talk to the ducks and goats and listen to the seals coughing. But it did no good. Back at the tennis, a six-piece traditional jazz band (complete with the obligatory red waistcoats and straw hats and a megaphone for vocals) invaded the press working area.

It has to be said that, in the hours set aside for rest and recreation, there is nothing to beat wildlife parks and traditional jazz. But when imprisoned with a typewriter, the former is impossible and the latter distracting. Hang on a moment. This is a hell of a trombone solo. . . .

Nor must one forget that the umpires here, both British, are a Lieutenant-Colonel and a Wing Commander. The implication that Connors and McEnroe justify an invasion by the British armed services has not been lost on the press corps. With the Connors match in mind, one French journalist could not resist a barbed suggestion that Wimbledon officials are tougher overseas than they are at Wimbledon.


Connors: contemplating his punishment

Seed on top

Kate Brasher's 6-3, 6-3 win over Siobhan Nicholson in the first round of the Sunsilk women's singles championship at the David Lloyd Centre, Heston, yesterday was not as straightforward as the score suggest. Miss Brasher, the second seed, sped to 5-0 up in the first set only for the Irish international to recover to within a point of reaching 4-5.

Results: R Eloy (Middx- bt FF Couldridge (Dorset) 6-4, 6-4, D Stewart (Sussex) bt S Gough (Lancs) 6-3, 6-2, A Grunfeld (Lancs) bt A Fleming (Leics) 6-3, 6-3, S Reeves (Kent) bt S Whitman (Notts) 6-2, 6-1; J Caplen (Hants) bt R Charlton (Berks) 4-6, 6-2, 6-2, S Timms (Essex bt J Barber (N Wales) 6-1, 6-2; J Langstaff (Surrey bt J Phillips (Notts) 6-1, 6-1; J Griffiths (N Wales) bt C Bhaguandas (Middx) 6-0, 4-6, 6-1 J Went (Avon) bt D Walker (Middx) 6-4, 7-6;

Swedish tie

New York (AP) – Two members of the Swedish Davis Cup team, Henrik Sundstrom and Anders Jarryd, will meet in the opening round of the Volvo Masters, which runs from January 8 to 13 at Madison Square Garden, New York.

John McEnroe, beaten by Sundstrom on Sunday in the David cup final, is No 1 seed in the 12-man field, while Jimmy Connors, McEnroe's Davis Cup colleague, is No 2, Czechoslovakia's Ivan Lendl No 3 and Sweden's Mats Wilander No 4. The seedings are determined by the grand prix points standings. The four seeded players receive first round byes.

SHOW JUMPING


Flying high: Veronique Whitaker coaxes Jingo over at Olympia (Photograph: Chris Cole)

Convincing win for Mac

By Jenny MacArthur

Michael Mac, the former junior European champion, who has been on top form throughout the Olympia show jumping championships, had a convincing win on Felton International's Packers Hill, the horse on which he helped win the Nations Cup event at Lisburn in September, in yesterday's Modern Alarms Christmas Cake Stakes. The competition was a "Take Your Own Line" in which the obstacles may only be jumped once but in the order chosen by the competitor.

Mac, aged 22, who comes from Coventry, is a former top junior but this week he has jumped with an authority and skill which have shown him more than equal to taking on the top international riders. Although yesterday was his first win at the show he has had two seconds, a third, and was sixth in the World Cup qualifier. All three of his horses – Each Way Forecast and Snow King make up the trio – have gone well for him.

In yesterday's competition Mac showed a fine sense of judgement when clipping a quarter of a second off the time of the Olympic silver medal, Tim Grubb on Arabeske. The Leicestershire-born but American-based Grubb had flown over specially for this show, for which he has been lent horses from the Everest stud. Arabeske, a German-bred mare is the horse on which Skelton won the New York Grand Prix last year. Michael Whitaker, who is having a deservedly successful show took third place on Colourway.

Later in the afternoon Grubb underlined the strength of his new, if transitory, partnership with Arabeske when he won the Radio Rental Power & Speed class.

Part of Michael Whitaker's winnings came from his third place in Sunday night's Modern Alarms Holly Stakes, in which he rode his puissance winner, the Belgian-bred Tamara. The class was won by Belgium's Ferdi Tyteca on 'T Soulaiky. Their daring performance in the 11-horse jump-off had the crowd roaring approval.

The horses belonging to 11 of the foreign showjumpers competing at Olympia may be held in Britain after the show because of an as yet undiagnosed infection in the nine year-old bay gelding Lucky, belonging to Peter Luther, the German Olympic rider, Jenny MacArthur writes.

They will only be released if permission from the Ministry of Agriculture in the appropriate country is given. France has already done that.

Lucky had a temperature and was unwell when it arrived after a bad crossing and long journey.

THE MODERN ALARMS CHRISTMAS CAKE STAKES: 1, Packers Hill (M Mac) 0 in 33.68; 2, Arabeske (T Grubb) 0 in 34.05; 3, Colourway (M Whitaker) 0 in 34.70.
THE RADIO RENTALS SINCE PE POWER AND SPEED: 1, Arabeske (T Grubb) 0 in 26.32; 2, Moet and Chandon Asfam (N Pessoa, Brazil), 0 in 27.25; 3, Landgraf (H Simon, Austria) 0 in 27.82.
THE MODERN ALARMS HOLLY STAKES: 1, 'T Soulaiky (F Tyteca, Bel) 0 in 29.42; 2, The Freak (H Simon, Austria), 0 in 30.49; 3, Tamara (M Whitaker) 0 in 31.45.

Dream comes true for the Tuckers

Michael Tucker, the international three-day event rider, who was robbed of a chance to represent Britain in the 1983 European championship when his home-bred horse General Bugle, the Badminton runner-up that year, went lame, has signed a £13,000 sponsorship contract with Subaru, initially to last two years (Jenny MacArthur writes).

Tucker and his wife, Angela, herself a regular member of the British team, makes up the Team Subaru. Speaking after the announcement at Olympia yesterday Tucker, who farms in Gloucestershire, said: "This is a dream come true

The horses involved in the sponsorship include Country Squire, the promising intermediate six-year-old eventer, General Bugle, who is expected to be back in competition in the autumn and Charlston, the novice four-year-old.

The sponsorship has also enabled Tucker to buy Good Value, a nine-year-old intermediate eventer whom Robert Lamieux, the Olympic reserve rider, reluctantly had to sell after the sudden ending of his sponsorship this autumn.

FOOTBALL

Gentlemen of Verona triumph in Rome

WORLD FOOTBALL Brian Glanville

Depleted Verona, victorious in Rome against Lazio, and still top of the Italian League. Terry Venables' Barcelona beaten at last, in Bilbao, where the fans fought. Bordeaux victorious again in France after their setback in Monaco; but hit by the news that Chalana will not play for a long while.

Verona's win showed, triumphantly, that they are in no way reliant on their two summer purchases, Briegel, who was playing for West Germany in Malta, and Elkjaer, the Denmark forward, who is still injured. The only goal was scored on the hour by little Galderisi, the centre-forward Juventus (goalless in Florence) let go.

Verona now have two Italian internationals, Antonio Di Gennaro, who scored a splendid 25-yard goal against Poland in Pescara after hitting the post twice, and Attilio Tricella, who came on that day as substitute sweeper.

Di Gennaro is a Florentine given only five League games by Fiorentina before spending a season with Perugia. Then he helped Verona to promotion from Serie B, the second division, and has been maturing as a midfielder ever since. Now 26, he showed increased confidence in his second international appearance.

As for Tricella, he comes from the Milanese dormitory town of Cernusco sul Naviglio, which seems almost a factory for producing sweepers. Scirea, the Italian first choice there, is one; Galbiati of Torino another.

Fiorentina held Juventus 0-0 in Florence, their first match under Ferruccio Valcareggi, the veteran manager and manager of the international team in two World Cups. Valcareggi, who lives nearby on the Tuscan riviera, was brought back to a club he managed long ago only last week, when the manager Picchio De Sisti resigned.

He refused to work in tandem with Valcareggi, who said he didn't blame him. In any case, Fiorentina have long since signed a contract with Cesar Menotti, Argentina's former World Cup manager, for next season.

Though Mark Hateley made an astonishingly swift and successful return from his cartilage operation, setting up both Milan goals, Milan faded, losing their 2-0 lead, to the newly promoted Atalanta. Glenn Stromberg, the Swedish international inside-forward bought from Benfica, got one goal, Gentile the other.

A massed defence gave Sampdoria difficulty against Avellino, but a quarter of an hour from time, Vialli brought them victory and kept them in the race.

Barcelona's game in Bilbao was delayed for 10 minutes when striking shipyard workers invaded the pitch. The only goal was scored on the break by Salinas, the Bilbao left winger, after 71 minutes.

Real Madrid, following their remarkable six goals in midweek against Anderlecht, scored only one in the Bernabeu Stadium against Valencia, but it wasenough to give them victory and close the gap with Barcelona to three points. After a dazzling start, and a goal beautifully prepared by young Butragueno via Santillana for Valdano, the Argentinians, Real ran out of steam. They were a little lucky to hang on in the second half.

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Rio de Janeiro (AP) – Fluminense won their second successive Rio de Janeiro state football championship on Sunday with an emotional 1-0 victory over their traditional rival, Flamengo. A crowd of 153,522 turned out in the rain at Maracana stadium for the match, decided by a header from Assis, a midfield player.

Celtic inquiry date

Berne, (Reuter) – The European football governing body (UEFA) will meet on January 17 to discuss the disturbances during last week's replayed Cup Winners' Cup match between Celtic and Rapid Vienna, a spokesman said yesterday.

Results from foreign leagues

ARGENTINIAN: Ferro Carril Oeste 0, Independiente 0; Boca Juniors 2, Rosario Central 0; Platense 1, Instituto (Cordoba) 0; San Lorenzo 1, Huracan 1; Talleres (Cordoba) 3, Atlanta 1; Racing (Cordoba) 2, Velez Sarsfield 2; Newell's Old Boys 3, River Plate 1; Union 2, Argentinos Juniors 2; Temperley 1, Chacarita Juniors 0. Leading positions: 1, Ferro Carril Oeste, 49pts; 2, Argentinos Juniors, 48; 3, Estudiantes De La Plata, 47.
BULGARIAN: Slavia Sofia 2, Sparak Varna 0; Cherno More 2, Etur 0; Beroe 3, Lokomotiv Sofia 0; Minior 3, Trakia 2; Sparak Pleven 1, Dounav 1; Pirin 1, Chernomorets 1; Sliven 1, Levski Sparak 0; CSKA Sofia 6, Botev 0. Leading positions: 1, Levski Spartak, 20 pts; 2, Lokomotiv Sofia, 17pts; 3, Slavia Sofia, 16pts.
DUTCH: Maastricht 3, Twente Enschede 0; Sparta 2, PEC Zwolle 2; Excelsior 0, Haarlem 1; Ajax 1, PSV Eindhoven 4; AZ'67 3, Volendam 0; Fortuna Sittard 0, Roda 0; Den Bosch 1, Feyenoord 2; Go Ahead Eagles 3, Utrecht 1; NAC Breda 1, Groningen 2. Leading positions: 1, PSV Eindhoven, 28pts; 2, Ajax, 26; 3, Feyenoord, 22.
EAST GERMAN: Motor Suhl 0, Hansa Rostock 1; Vorwärts Frankfurt 3, Dynamo Berlin 0; Carl Zeiss Jena 4, Dynamo Dresden 0; Chemie Leipzig 2, Karl-Marx-Stadt 2; Wismut Aue 2, Lokomotiv Leipzig 1; Stahl Riesa 2, Stahl Brandenburg 2; Magdeburg 2, Rot-Weiss Erfurt 2. Leading positions: 1, Dynamo Berlin, 22pts; 2, Dynamo Dresden, 20; 3, Lokomotiv Leipzig, 19.
FRENCH: Marseilles 0, Nantes 2; Bordeaux 3, Nancy 1; Paris Saint-Germain 2, Lille 3; Lens 1, RC Paris 0; Brest 0, Toulon 1; Metz 1, Strasbourg 0; Bastia 4, Toulouse 0; Tours 2, Monaco 1; Sochaux 4, Rouen 0. Leading positions: 1, Nantes, 33pts; 2, Bordeaux, 31; 3, Auxerre, 26.
GREEK: All first division matches scheduled for Dec 16 to be played Dec 23 because of tomorrow's World Cup match in Athens between Greece and Belgium.
ITALIAN: Cremonese 1, Internazionale 2; Fiorentina 0, Juventus 0; Lazio 0, Verona 1; AC Milan 2, Atalanta 2; Napoli 1, Roma 2; Sampdoria 1, Avellino 0; Torino 3, Como 1; Udinese 1, Ascoli 1. Leading positions: 1, Verona, 20 pts; 2, Torino, 18; 3, Internazionale, 17.
PORTUGUESE: Boavista 0, Sporting 0; Benfica 2, Penafiel 1; Porto 9, Vizela 1; Setubal 0, Varzim 0; Portimonense 2, Braga 1; Guimaraes 4, Salgueiros 3; Academica 2, Farense 0; Rio Ave 1, Belenenses 0. Leading positions: 1, Porto, 23 pts; 2, Sporting, 21; 3, Benfica, 19.
SPANISH: Malaga 3, Valladolid 1; Athletic Bilboa 1, Barcelona 0; Sevilla 0, Sporting Gijon 1; Real Madrid 1, Valencia 0; Racing Santander 2, Hercules 0; Real Zaragoza 1, Athletico Madrid 1; Elche 0, Real Murcia 0; Espanol 1, Real Sociedad 3; Osasuna 1, Real Betis 2. Leading positions: 1, Barcelona, 25pts; 2, Real Madrid, 22; 3, Real Sociedad 10.
TURIOSH: Genclerbirligi 1, Malatyaspor 0; Kocaelispor 1, Galatasaray 0; Altayspor 3, Denizlispor 1; Orduspor 0, Ankaragucu 0; Zonguldakspor 2, Eskisehirspor 2; Bursaspor 2, Antalyaspor 1; Fenerbahce 0 Besiktas 0; Tranbzonspor 2, Boluspor 1; Sariyerspor 3, Sakaryaspor 1. Leading positions: 1, Trabzonspor, 22pts; 2, Besiktas, 22; 3, Kocaelispor, 22.

Hoddle likely to miss Norwich game

Tottenham look certain to be without Glenn Hoddle at Norwich on Saturday. The head injury he received in Prague in midweek is causing concern because of lingering swelling and yesterday the England midfield player saw a specialist. He is also under treatment for a groin injury.

Two other casualties, Ardilles and Hazard play in a rearranged reserve game against Portsmouth at White Hart Lane tonight.

● Gary Mills, the Nottingham Forest midfield player, who was carried off on Saturday at Everton, has a broken left leg, and goes into hospital today for an operation. He has been playing with a steel pin in his right leg since breaking it while playing for Seattle Sounders in North American two years ago.

● Luton's former England midfield player, Ricky Hill, injured a knee in training yesterday

Williams leaves Maidstone for S Africa

Bill Williams, the manager who took Maidstone United to the Alliance Premier League (now the Gola League) championship last season, has resigned. Williams, who had been with the club for three years, is leaving football altogther and returning to South Africa.

FA TROPHY DRAW: First round: Dudley v AP Leamington; Morecambe v Altrincham; Scarborough v Chorley; Horden Colliery v Matlock; Bishop Auckland v North Shields; Witton or Bromsgrove v Whitby; Gateshead v Stalybridge Celtic; Frickley v Barrow; King's Lynn v Marine; Burton v Kettering; Boston United v Blyth Spartans; Gretna v Kidderminster; Grantham v Runcorn; Northwich v Telford; Stafford v Nuneaton; South Liverpool or Boode v Bangor City; Wycombe v Dartford; Worthing v Worcester; Dulwich Hamlet v Aveley or Woking; Enfield v Bromley or Stourbridge; Frome v Windsor and Eton; Bath v Billericay or Bishop's Stortford; Slough v Harrow; Barking v Staines; Dagenham v Barnet; Merthyr Tydfil v Basingstoke or Croydon; Weymouth v Cheltenham; Harlow v Wealdstone; Leytonstone/Ilford v Fisher; Welling or Hillingdon v Hayes or Sutton United; Folkestone or Carshalton v Wokingham; Gloucester v Maidstone. Ties to be played on Saturday January 12.

HOCKEY

Loughborough are close to losing record

By Joyce Whitehead

Brighton Polytechnic nearly spoilt Loughborough College's record on the second day of the three-day physical education colleges tournament yesterday. But they missed a penalty stroke and proceeded to lose by the only goal of the match.

Scoring has not been high except for two of the host college's matches. Sunday brought joy for Oxfordshire. On their home ground they beat Somerset 3-2, a surprise that was well deserved because Oxfordshire worked hard.

Results: Sunday: IM Marsh 4, Sheffield Polytechnic 0 Loughborough 1 Bedford 1, IM Marsh 2, Dunfermline 0 Loughborough 2, Dunfermline 1, Brighton Polytechnic 2, Dartford 0, Bedford 0 Brighton Polytechnic 0; IM Marsh II 2, Bedford II 0; IM Marsh II 1, Dartford II 1, Bedford II 1 Sheffield Polytechnic II 0 Monday: Dartford 1 Sheffield Polytechnic 0 Dunfermline 0, Sheffield Polytechnic 0; Loughborough 1, Brighton Polytechnic 0; IM Marsh 4, Bedford 1 Brighton Polytechnic 1, IM Marsh II 0, Dunfermline 0, Bedford II 1, Bedford 0, IM Marsh II 0; Dartford 1, Bedford II 1, Loughborough 1, IM Marsh 0

SOUTH LEAGUE: Premier Division: Oxford Hawks 1, East Grinstead 2 Middlesex/Berkshire, Bucks and Oxon Regional: City of Oxford 1 Staines 0 MIDDLEX CUP: Second round: Eastcote 7, Polytechnic 0 WOMEN'S COUNTY MATCH: Oxfordshire 3 Somerset 2

BASKETBALL

Kingston protest over cup final referee

By Nicholas Harling

The English Basketball Association may have to change one of the officals nominated to take charge of next month's Ellogg's Cup final, following an objection from Kingcraft Kingston, one of the finalists.

Kingston have lodged a complaint against Trevor Pountain, who refereed their first division game on Saturday with FSO Cars Warrington and Liverpool Vikings, the team they meet again in the final at the Albert Hall on January 6.

Vikings, who lost the game 96-94, will not be asking for Pountain to be removed from the final although they had probably more cause to be aggrieved, having two technical fouls awarded against them by Pountain and the other official, Rob Iliffe, besides receiving the majority of the controversial decisions in an untidy game.

Malcolm Chamberlain, Kingston's bench coach, is nevertheless adamant that his club will protest: He said: "The club are officially writing to the EBBA and objecting to Trevor Pountain because they don't feel it's in the best interests of the game that he referees because he is not keeping up with what's going on"

Pountain, who refereed last year's final, is to referee Vikings again on Saturday, at Bolton.

The main furore on Saturday came just before the interval, with Vikings leading 39-32. Kevin Penny had already incurred a technical foul for dissent when Joe Whelton, the Vikings coach, was also punished for the same reason. With the help of the two free throws and extra shots for various other offences, Kingston made up the leeway from the free-throw line to go in level 39-39 at the interval.

Sperrings Solent Stars, the league leaders, who are in danger of folding, emphatically beat John Carr Doncaster 113-89 in a game that was promoted by their supporters club. The Solent players met the Receiver yesterday and he will make an announcement concerning the club's future today.

At Davenports Birmingham, Bracknell Pirates had Payton, the American centre, disqualified for throwing a punch at Dixon. Bracknell were leading 79-76 when Lawrence, their other American, was fouled out, after which they slumped, Birmingham scoring 23 of the next 28 points to win 99-84.

UNITED STATES: National Association (NBA): Los Angeles Lakers 109, Washington Bullets 101; Seattle Supersonics 112, Denver Nuggets 101; Milwaukee Bucks 115, Utah Jazz 102; Los Angeles Clippers 103, Golden State Warriors 85.

ATHLETICS

Four additions to British team for Paris

Diana Davies (Leicester Coritanian) and Judy Simpson (Birchfield) are among four athletes added to the British team to compete in the first world indoor games, in Paris, January 18-19. Simpson, the UK and Commonwealth heptathlon record holder, will compete in the 60 metres hurdles, and Davies in the high jump, the event for which she is national and UK champion.

The other additions are Keith Stock (Haringey) in the pole vault and David Lewis (Rossendale) in the 3,000 metres. The high jumper, Susan Telfer (Hull) and Bev Kinch, the sprinter, have both withdrawn without giving any reason.

Gillian Burley (London Olympiades) will take the place of Lyn Irving (Border), in the World Cup marathon in Hiroshima on April 13. Irving has deoided that she cannot fit in the race.

The newcomers bring the strength of the British squad to 11 and it could be increased further in the New Year.

TIBERIAS, Israel: Sea of Galilee International marathon: 1, L Robertson (Scot) 2hr 16min 28sec; 2, S Sabag (Israel) 2:22.17; 3, C Kirkham (Eng) 2:22.26; 4, D Robson (Eng) 2:23.25.

ICE HOCKEY

Fife Flyers are feeling under the weather

By Robert Pryce

Fife Flyers do not take to the south in winter. They ran into snow on the ice at Oxford, where the ice-making machine broke down, and a blizzard of penalties at Streatham. The climate is kinder at their own rink in Kirkcaldy where thay have not dropped a point this season.

It has something to do with Kirkcaldy's large ice surface, as Dave Stoyanovich, the Flyers' left wing, explained. "We're not used to playing on these small surfaces yet", he said. "But in our rink we kill all these teams, we demolish them, because they haven't got defencemen who can skate with us".

At Streatham, Fife were demolished by Brine's excellent net-minding and 13 minor penalties, which meant they were understrength for more than a third of the game. At the end, Fife refused to sign the scoresheet.

After Brown's third goal brought them level at 6-6, Fife were briefly reduced to four men as Abel and Plumb were banished to the penalty box. Abel's penalty had just expired when Melancon, who had already had a hand in four Streatham goals, wove his way over the blue line and let fly from 40 feet to score what proved to be the winning goal.

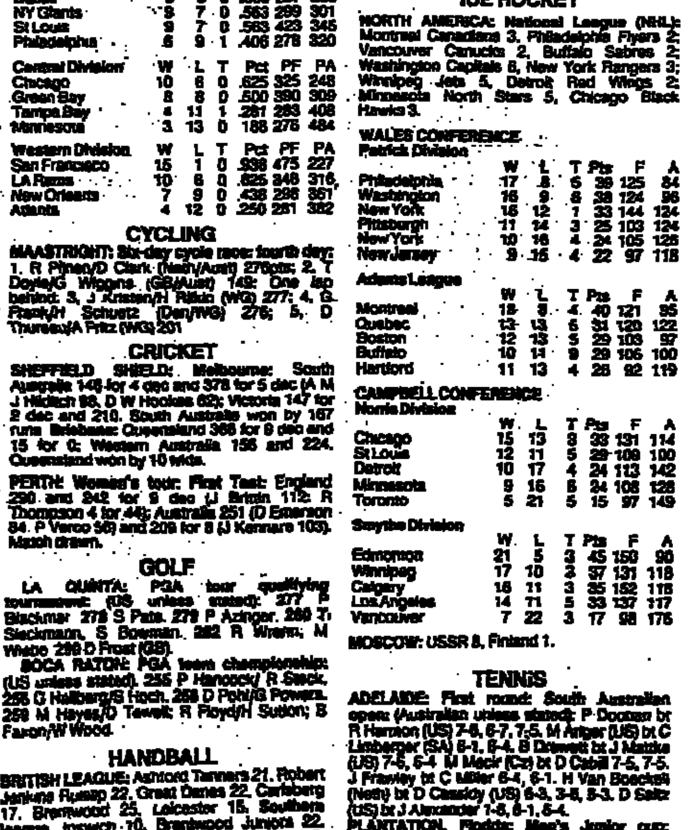
Tom Imrie, recently restored as Streatham's coach for home games only, has shuffled the lines, changed the power play and reintroduced his own brand of zonal defence. His most telling contribution, however, may have been in insisting on better discipline.

Nottingham Panthers are also looking more impressive, winning both of their games over the weekend. Gary Keward, their manager, is not yet happy with the number of goals they are scoring, but they managed five in the space of seven minutes of the first period at Whitley Bay.

Dundee revived impressively at Murrayfield, where they beat the British League leaders 6-5. Lafferty, promoted in the absence of Halpin, responded with two goals, including the decider.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Cleveland Bombers 13, Whitley Warriors 13; Nottingham Panthers 5, Ayr Bruins 3; Southampton Vikings 4, Fife Flyers 12; Durham Wasps 13, Ayr Bruins 5; Murrayfield Racers 5, Dundee Rockets 6; Streatham Redskins 7, Fife Flyers 6; Whitley Warriors 3, Nottingham Panthers 6. Division one: Blackpool Seagulls 6, Peterborough Pirates 12; Bournemouth Stags 13, Grimsby Buffaloes 5; Glasgow Dynamoes 24, Deeside Dragons 2; Lee Valley Lions 2, Gl Solihull Barons 17.
MOSCOW: Izvestion Tournament: USSR 6, West Germany 0; Sweden 2, Germany 1.

FOR THE RECORD



BASKETBALL

TOUR MATCHES: Belgium Juniors 4, St George's, Weybridge 30; Osterwijk 0, St George's, Weybridge 31

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	21	3	.875	-
Philadelphia	19	5	.792	2
Washington	14	11	.560	7½
New Jersey	10	14	.417	11
New York	11	16	.407	11½

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	14	10	.583	-
Milwaukee	15	11	.577	1
Chicago	13	13	.500	2
Atlanta	10	15	.400	4½
Indiana	6	18	.250	8
Cleveland	3	19	.136	10

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	15	9	.625	-
Houston	15	10	.600	½
Dallas	12	12	.500	3
San Antonio	12	13	.480	3½
Utah	12	14	.462	4
Kansas City	7	16	.304	7½

Pacific Division	W	L	Pct	GB
L A Lakers	16	10	.615	-
Phoenix	15	11	.577	1
Portland	13	12	.520	2½
L A Clippers	13	14	.481	3½
Seattle	12	13	.480	3½
Golden State	8	17	.320	7½

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

UNITED STATES: National League (NFL): Washington Redskins 29, St Louis Cardinals 27; Pittsburgh Steelers 13, Los Angeles Raiders 7; Cincinnati Bengals 52, Buffalo Bills 21; Kansas City Chiefs 42, San Diego Chargers 21; Tampa Bay Buccaneers 41, New York Jets 21; Atlanta Falcons 26, Philadelphia Eagles 10; Chicago Bears 30, Detroit Lions 13; Green Bay Packers 38, Minnesota Vikings 14; New England Patriots 16, Indianapolis Colts 10; Cleveland Browns 27, Houston Oilers 20.

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Eastern Division	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Miami	13	2	0	.867	465	277
New England	9	7	0	.563	362	.352
NY Jets	7	9	0	.438	332	364
Indianapolis	4	12	0	.250	239	414
Buffalo	2	14	0	.125	250	454

Central Division	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	8	7	0	.563	387	310
Cincinnati	8	8	0	.500	339	339
Cleveland	5	11	0	.313	250	297
Houston	3	13	0	.188	240	437

Western Division	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	13	3	0	.813	353	241
Seattle	12	4	0	.750	418	282
L A Raiders	11	5	0	.688	368	278
Kansas City	8	8	0	.500	314	324
San Diego	7	9	0	.438	394	413

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Eastern Division	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Washington	11	5	0	.688	426	310
Dallas	9	6	0	.600	287	280
NY Giants	8	7	0	.563	299	301
St Louis	9	7	0	.563	423	345
Philadelphia	6	9	1	.406	278	320

Central Division	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	10	6	0	.625	325	248
Green Bay	8	8	0	.500	390	309
Tampa Bay	4	11	1	.281	283	408
Minnesota	3	13	0	188	276	484

Western Division	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
San Francisco	15	1	0	.938	475	227
LA Rams	10	6	0	.625	346	316
New Orleans	7	9	0	.438	298	361
Atlanta	4	12	0	.250	281	382

CYCLING

MAASTRIGHT: Six-day cycle race: fourth day: 1, R Pijnen/D Clark (Neth/Aust) 276pts; 2, T Doyle/G Wiggins (GB/Aust) 149; One lap behind: 3, J Kristen/H Rikko (WG) 277; 4, G Frank/H Schuetz (Den/WG) 276; 5, D Thurau/A Fritz (WG) 201

CRICKET

SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Melbourne: South Australia 148 for 4 dec and 378 for 5 dec (A M J Hilditch 98, D W Hookes 82); Victoria 147 for 2 dec and 210. South Australia won by 167 runs Brisbane: Queensland 368 for 9 dec and 15 for 0; Western Australia 156 and 224. Queensland won by 10 wkts.

PERTH: Women's tour: First Test: England 290 and 242 for 9 dec (J Brittin 112; R Thompson 4 for 44); Australia 251 (D Emerson 84, P Verco 56) and 209 for 8 (J Kennare 103). Match drawn.

GOLF

LA QUINTA: PGA tour qualifying tournament (US unless stated): 277 P Blackmar 278 S Pate. 279 P Azinger. 280 T Sieckmann, S Bowman. 282 R Wrenn; M Wiebe 289 D Frost (SA).
BOCA RATON: PGA team championship: (US unless stated). 255 P Hancock/ R Stack. 256 G Hallberg/S Hoch. 258 D Pohl/G Powers. 259 M Hayes/D Tewell; R Floyd/H Sutton; B Faxon/W Wood.

HANDBALL

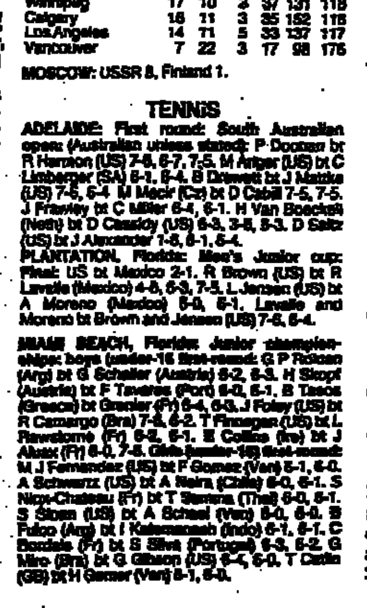
BRITISH LEAGUE: Ashford Tanners 21, Robert Jenkins Ruslip 22, Great Danes 22, Carlsberg 17, Brentwood 25, Leicester 15, Southern league. Ipswich 10, Brentwood Juniors 22. Women's national league: Salford Ladies 15, Robert Jenkins Ruslip 15

FOOTBALL

SINGAPORE: Asia Cup: Final: Saudi Arabia 2, China 0 Third-place play-off: Kuwait 1, Iran 1 (Kuwait won 5-3 on penalties).
KAMPALA: East and Central Africa Senior Challenge Cup: Final: Zambia 0, Malawi 0 (aet, Zambia won 3-0 on penalties).
CENTRAL LEAGUE: Grimsby v Leicester postponed
INTERNATIONAL MATCHES: Cairo: Norway 1, Egypt 0 Nicosia: Cyprus 1, Luxembourg 0.

YACHTING

Transatlantic race: sixteenth day: 1, Charente Maritime (Fr) 390 miles from Santo Domingo; 2, Fleury Michon (Fr) 390; 3, Royale (Fr) 639; 4, Formule Tag (Can) 891; 5, Roger et Gallet (Fr) 1,081; 9, British Airways (GB) 1,353.



ICE HOCKEY

NORTH AMERICA: National League (NHL): Montreal Canadiens 3, Philadelphia Flyers 2; Vancouver Canucks 2, Buffalo Sabres 2; Washington Capitals 6, New York Rangers 3; Winnipeg Jets 5, Detroit Red Wings 2; Minnesota North Stars 5, Chicago Black Hawks 3.

WALES CONFERENCE

Patrick Division	W	L	T	Pts	F	A
Philadelphia	17	8	6	38	125	84
Washington	16	9	6	38	124	96
New York	16	12	1	33	144	124
Pittsburgh	11	14	3	25	103	124
New York	10	16	4	24	105	126
New Jersey	9	16	4	22	97	118

Adams League	W	L	T	Pts	F	A
Montreal	18	8	4	40	121	95
Quebec	13	13	5	31	120	122
Boston	12	13	5	29	103	97
Buffalo	10	11	9	29	106	100
Hartford	11	13	4	26	92	119

CAMPBELL CONFERENCE

Norris Division	W	L	T	Pts	F	A
Chicago	15	13	3	33	131	114
St Louis	12	11	5	29	109	100
Detroit	10	17	4	24	113	142
Minnesota	9	16	6	24	108	128
Toronto	5	21	5	15	97	149

Smythe Division	W	L	T	Pts	F	A
Edmonton	21	5	3	45	150	90
Winnipeg	17	10	3	37	131	118
Calgary	16	11	3	35	152	116
Los Angeles	14	11	5	33	137	117
Vancouver	7	22	3	17	98	176

MOSCOW: USSR 8, Finland 1.

TENNIS

ADELAIDE: First round: South Australian open: (Australian unless stated): P Doohan bt R Harmon (US) 7-6, 6-7, 7-5, M Anger (US) bt C Limberger (SA) 6-1, 6-4, B Drewett bt J Mattke (US) 7-6, 6-4 M Mecir (Cz) bt D Cahill 7-5, 7-5. J Frawley bt C Miller 6-4, 6-1. H Van Boeckel (Neth) bt D Cassidy (US) 6-3, 3-6, 6-3. D Saltz (US) bt J Alexander 7-6, 6-4.
PLANTATION, Florida: Men's Junior cup: Final: US bt Mexico 2-1. R Brown (US) bt R Lavalle (Mexico) 4-6, 6-3, 7-5. L Jensen (US) bt A Moreno (Mexico) 6-0, 6-1. Lavalle and Moreno bt Brown and Jensen (US) 7-6, 6-4.

MIAMI BEACH, Florida: Junior championships: boys (under-16 first-round: G P Rollan (Arg) bt G Schaller (Austria) 6-2, 6-3. H Skopf (Austria) bt F Tavares (Port) 6-0, 6-1. B Tasos (Greece) bt Grenier (Fr) 6-4, 6-3. J Foley (US) bt R Camargo (Bra) 7-6, 6-2. T Finnegan (US) bt L Rawstorne (Fr) 6-2, 6-1. E Collins (Ire) bt J Alaux (Fr) 6-0, 7-6. Girls (under-16) first-round: M J Fernandez (US) bt F Gomez (Ven) 6-1, 6-0. A Schwartz (US) bt A Neira (Chile) 6-0, 6-1. S Niox-Chateau (Fr) bt T Semma (Thai) 6-0, 6-1. S Sloan (US) bt A Scheel (Ven) 6-0, 6-0. B Fulco (Arg) bt I Kalamunsah (Indo) 6-1, 6-1. C Bondale (Fr) bt S Silva (Portugal) 6-3, 6-2. G Miro (Bra) bt G Gibson (US) 6-4, 6-0. T Catlin (GB) bt H Garner (Ven) 6-1, 6-0.

REAL TENNIS

OXFORD: Masters open singles, over-40: quarter-finals: F Willis (Manchester) bt G W T Atkins 6-1; J D Ward bt P L Dawes (Seacourt) 6-5; D C Cull (Lord's) bt C J Swallow 6-5; N Danby bt Hon-L D Verney 6-4. Semi-finals: Willis bt Ward 6-7; Cull bt Danby 6-3. Final: Willis bt Cull 6-2, 6-0.

ROAD RUNNING

HOGSBACK: Guilford, 11½ miles: 1, B Ford (Aldershot) 53min 37sec; 2, K. Penny (Cambridge H) 53:48; 3, P Rowlands (Horsham) 53:52. Women: 1, S Rowell (Dartford) 60:04 (course record).

VOLLEYBALL

FIRST DIVISION: Men: Manchester 0, Capital CS 3; Leeds 3, Redwood Lodge 0; Liverpool 2, Mizano 3; Speedwell 3, Poole 0; Spark 3, Brookfield 0; Liverpool 3, Redwood Lodge 1.

SKI JUMPING

LAKE PLACID: 70m: 1, A Felder (Austria), 228.9 pts; 2, J Pulkkonen (Fin), 223.2; 3, P Bergerud (Nor), 220.6; 4, E Vettori (Austria), 219.2; 5, M Nykaenen (Fin), 217.9; 6, P Ploc (Cz), 216.6; 7, J Parma (Cz), 214.3; 8, R Zuehlke (US), 205.7; 9, H Boleu (Can), 204.8; 10, W Steiert (WG), 199.7; 11, M Halland (US), 198.8; 12, P Rohwein (WG), 198.4; 13, F Neulandtner (Austria), 197.8; 14, M Akimoto (Japan), 197.2; 15, D McGrane (US), 196.3. Overall standings: 1, Felder, 100 pts; 2, Pulkkonen, 84; 3, Vettori, 57; 4, Nykaenen, 44; 5, Parma, 43; 6, Kokkonen (Fin), 38; 7, Ploc (Cz), 38; 8, Bergerud, 28; 9, H Persson (Nor), 16; 10, P Ulaga (Yug), 15.

LACROSSE

MELLOR: Representative match: Cheshire Under-21 8, English Universities 16.

RUGBY LEAGUE: Mark Broadhurst, the New Zealand international prop, is to leave Hull Kingston Rovers, at the end of the season. Broadhurst, voted the club's player of the season by the supporters when the Rovers won the championship last year, is to return to Christchurch and the club where he began his career 13 years ago.

OLYMPIC GAMES: There is no question of changing the venue of the 1988 Olympics from the South Korean capital of Seoul, Monique Berlioux, International Olympic Committee (IOC) director, said yesterday. She was responding to questions after reports that North Korea had urgently requested the IOC to cancel the choice of Seoul because it said South Korea was a unstable area under constant threat of war because of the presence of armed forces and 40,000 United States troops.

IN BRIEF

Battle for Boycott

Geoff Boycott and his supporters on Yorkshire's General committee will have to battle to maintain power at the annual meeting of the county cricket club in Leeds on March 2.

Yorkshire Cricket Lovers, businessmen associated with the resigned cricket chairman and former captain, Brian Close, have submitted three resolutions which, if carried, would remove Boycott and his men, calling for a vote of no confidence in the committee, and seeking to prevent a committee man from playing for the club – aimed directly at Boycott's dual role.

ATHLETICS: Uwe Hohn, the javelin world record holder, has been voted East German sportsman of the year.

RACING: Sean Doyle, one of the important figures in the Irish bloodstock industry, has died in Dublin from head injuries after a riding fall on Sunday, Simon Loughlin writes. Doyle bought Baroda Stud in County Kildare five years ago and quickly built it up into one of the top studs in Ireland.

MOTOR RALLYING: Billy Coleman, the Republic of Ireland driver, who won the British championship 10 years ago, continues his comeback with the Rothmans rally team for 1985. Accompanied by Ronan Morgan, his co-driver, Coleman will drive a Porsche 911SC RS in six senior events.

RACKETS: Alastair Robinson (Marlborough) won the Under-15 Jim Dear Cup at Queen's Club, London, yesterday, beating Joseph Warburton (Rugby) 15-12, 15-8 (William Stephens writes). Robinson played shots of quality notably a backhand kill to reach match point, but Warburton, 12-6 down in the first game, fought bravely to lead 12-11, only to yield to the more assured player.
SEMI-FINALS: A Robinson (Marlborough bt R Montgomerie (Rugby) 15-11, 15-8. J D Warburton (Rugby) bt T J H West (Radley) 16-15, 15-8. FINAL: Robinson bt Warburton 15-12, 15-8.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated
First division
Luton Town v West Bromwich (7.45)
Third division
Millwall v Hull City
Scottish first division
Meadowbank Thistle v Falkirk

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Coventry v Liverpool (7.0); Everton v Huddersfield (7.0). Manchester United v Sheffield Wednesday; Notts Co. V Blackburn (7.0). Second division: Leeds v Blackpool (7.0); Middlesbrough v Burnley (7.0); Oldham v Wigan (7.0); Port Vale v Wolverhampton (7.0); Rotherham v Scunthorpe (7.0).
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Arsenal v Fulham (7.0); Charlton v Oxford United (2.0); Chelsea v Swansea (2.15); Ipswich v Brighton (2.15); Tottenham v Portsmouth (7.0); Swindon v Q.P.Rangers (7.0); Watford v Birmingham.
ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Harlow v Dulwich Hamlet; Hitchin v Slough; Tooting & Mitcham v Walthamstow Avenue. First division: Hampton v Farnborough. Cup: Third round: Staines v Letchworth.
ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE: Witham v Chelmsford reserves.
MID-WEEK LEAGUE: Brentford v Southend.
NOTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Chorley v Hyde. Cup: First round, second leg: Marine v Witton. President's Cup: First round, second leg: South Liverpool v Burton.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Midland division: Merthyr Tydfil v Reddich.
FA TROPHY: Third Qualifying round: Billericay v Bishop's Stortford; Folkestone v Carshalton. Replays: Hillingdon v Welling; Stourbridge v Bromley; Sutton United v Hayes; Woking v Aveley.
ESSEX SENIOR CUP: Second round: Southend XI v Basildon.
ESSEX SENIOR TROPHY: Third Round: Leyton-Wingate v Grays; Woodford v Stansted.
SURREY SENIOR CUP: Fifth qualifying round: Egham v Molesey. Replay: Dorking v Farleigh.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Glamorgan Wanders v Pontypridd (7.15); Neath v Llanelli (7.0); Nottingham v RAF (7.0).

OTHER SPORT

SQUASH RACKETS: Premier league: Cannons v Redwood Lodge; Edgbaston v Nottingham; Manchester v Pyralia.
RACKETS: Public Schools Singles (at Queen's Club).

FIXTURES AND FORECASTS — Paul Newman

Saturday December 22 unless stated

FIRST DIVISION
1 Arsenal v Watford
2 Aston Villa v Newcastle
1 Everton v Chelsea
1 Manchester U v Ipswich
X Norwich v Tottenham
1 Sheffield W v Stoke
X West Ham v Sthampton
Not on coupons: Leicester v Coventry (Sunday); Queen's Park Rangers v Liverpool (Friday); Sunderland v Nottingham Forest (Sunday).

SECOND DIVISION
1 Cardiff v Sheffield U
X Fulham v Manchester C
1 Huddersfield v Brighton
1 Notts Co v Charlton
2 Portsmouth v Oxford
2 Wimbledon v Birmingham
2 Wolves v Leeds
Not on coupons: Carlisle v Blackburn (Sunday), Grimsby v Middlesbrough; Oldham v Barnsley (Sunday).

THIRD DIVISION
1 Bolton v Cambridge U
1 Bristol R v Swansea
X Burnley v Walsall
1 Derby v Newport
X Doncaster v Gillingham
1 Hull v Brentford
2 Lincoln v Bradford C
1 Reading v Bristol C
1 Rotherham v Wigan
Not on coupons: Bournemouth v Orient (Friday); Plymouth v Millwall.

FOURTH DIVISION
1 Hartlepool v Chester
X Mansfield v Northampton
1 Port Vale v Scunthorpe
1 Swindon v Halifax
x Torquay v Southend
2 Wrexham v Blackpool
Not on coupons: Crewe v Colchester (Friday); Hereford v Aldershot (Sunday); Rochdale v Chesterfield (Friday); Stockport v Darlington (Friday); Tranmere v Exeter (Friday).

GOLA LEAGUE
1 Barnet v Frickley
2 Dagenham v Kidderminster
1 Kettering v Barrow
1 Maidstone v Bath
1 Nuneaton v Gateshead
X Scarborough v Boston U
1 Telford v Runcorn
X Wealdstone v Altrincham

SOUTHERN PREMIER
1 Leamington v Trowbridge
1 Shepshed v Hastings
1 Willenhall v Welling
1 Witney v Chelmsford

SCOTTISH PREMIER
Not on coupons: Aberdeen v Dundee United; Celtic v Rangers

SCOTTISH FIRST
1 Airdrie v Brechin
1 Clydebank v Falkirk
X East Fife v Hamilton
1 Forfar v Ayr
2 Kilmarnock v Clyde
X Meadowbk v St Jhnstne
X Partick v Motherwell

SCOTTISH SECOND
2 Dunfermline v Montrose
1 E Stirling v Stirling
1 Queen of S v Albion
1 Queen's Pk v Berwick
1 Raith v Cowdenbeath
2 Stenhousemuir v Alloa
1 Stranraer v Arbroath

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Norwich, West Ham, Fulham, Burnley, Doncaster, Mansfield, Torquay, Scarborough, Wealdstone, East Fife, Meadowbank, Partick, Burnley, Scarborough.
BEST DRAWS: Norwich, West Ham, Fulham.
FIXED ODDS: Homes: Sheffield Wednesday, Hull, Rotherham, Hartlepool, Airdrie. Aways: Newcastle, Oxford, Leeds. Draws: West Ham, Burnley, Mansfield.

Saturday December 29 unless stated

FIRST DIVISION
X Chelsea v Man United
2 Coventry v West Ham
2 Ipswich v Everton
1 Liverpool v Luton
X Newcastle v Arsenal
1 Nottm F v Aston Villa
1 Sthampton v Sheffield W
X Stoke v QPR
1 Tottenham v Sunderland
1 Watford v Leicester
1 WBA v Norwich

SECOND DIVISION
1 Barnsley v Notts Co
X Birmingham v Fulham
1 Blackburn v Huddersfld
1 Brighton v Wimbledon
X Charlton v Grimsby
1 Leeds v Cardiff
1 Manchester C v Wolves
1 Middlesbro v Oldham
1 Oxford v C Palace
2 Sheffield U v Porstmth
X Shrewsbury v Carlisle

THIRD DIVISION
1 Bradford C v Bolton
1 Brentford v Reading
1 Bristol C v Burnley
2 Camb U v Rotherham
X Gillingham v Bristol R
1 Millwall v Bournemth
1 Newport v Plymouth
2 Orient v Doncaster
2 Swansea v Derby
1 Walsall v Lincoln
1 Wigan v Preston
X York v Hull

FOURTH DIVISION
1 Aldershot v Wrexham
1 Blackpool v Hartlepool
1 Bury v Tranmere
x Chester v Swindon
1 Chesterfld v Peterboro
1 Darlington v Crewe
2 Exeter v Hereford
1 Halifax v Stockport
1 Northampton v Torquay
1 Scunthorpe v Rochdale
1 Southend v Mansfield
Not on coupons: Colchester v Port Vale (Friday).

SCOTTISH PREMIER
1 Celtic v Dundee United
2 Dumbarton v Rangers
1 Dundee v Hibernian
1 Hearts v Morton
2 St Mirren v Aberdeen

SCOTTISH FIRST
1 Airdrie v Meadowbank
x Brechin v Clyde
x Falkirk v East Fife
1 Hamilton v Ayr
x Kilmarnock v Motherwell
Not on coupons: Partick v Forfar; St Johnstone v Clydebank.

SCOTTISH SECOND
Not on coupons: Albion v Queen's Park; Alloa v East Stirling; Arbroath v Raith; Berwick v Stranraer; Cowdenbeath v Stenhousemuir; Montrose v Queen of the South; Stirling v Dunfermline.

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Chelsea, Newcastle, Stoke, Birmingham, Charlton, Shrewsbury, Gillingham, York, Chester, Brechin, Falkirk, Kilmarnock.
BEST DRAWS: Chelsea, Newcastle, Birmingham, York, Falkirk.
AWAYS: Rotherham, Doncaster, Derby, Hereford, Aberdeen.
HOMES: Liverpool, Tottenham, WBA, Leeds, Manchester City, Bradford City, Millwall, Wigan, Bury, Chesterfield, Scunthorpe, Airdrie.
FIXED ODDS: Homes: Leeds, Bradford City, Millwall, Chesterfield, Airdrie. Aways: Rotherham, Doncaster, Derby. Draws: Birmingham, Shrewsbury, York.

RACING: INJURED DE HAAN MISSES MRS PITMAN'S LEICESTER TREBLE

Timurs Double to maintain Forster's form

By Mandarin

Tim Forster, in marvellous form at Towcester on Saturday with a 136-1 treble, again looks the trainer to follow at Ludlow this afternoon. Co Member is expected to make his stamina and experience tell against that useful novice, Play The Knave, in the Vintage Port Handicap Chase and Timurs Double is napped to complete a double for the Letcombe Bassett trainer in the Rum Punch Novices' Hurdle.

Timurs Double was a fair performer on the Flat when with Fulke Johnson Houghton, winning at Haydock Park in May and running well in good company on a number of other occasions. He was sufficiently well thought of by connections to take his place in the Britannia Handicap at Royal Ascot, but made no show in that competitive affair.

On his hurdling debut at Newbury last month, Timurs Double made significant late headway to finish third to Against The Grain and Russborough, both of whom had had the benefit of two previous runs over hurdles. That form has worked out well since with Russborough winning easily at Plumpton and Against The Grain chasing home Wing And A Prayer, the Triumph Hurdle favourite, at Cheltenham.

Tinkersfield, who finished seventh at Newbury, more than 20 lengths behind Timurs Double, has also advertised the form by winning at Taunton, but his 7lb penalty for that success gives him little prospect of reversing the Newbury placings with my selection this afternoon.

Play the Knave has been skilfully placed by Peter Bailey to win three of his four novice chases this term but faces a much stiffer task this afternoon. Not only does he take on experienced handicappers for the first time, but he has to race over three miles, a trip over which he has never won.

Co Member was highly tried last season when he met some outstanding young chasers in Lettoch, Lean Ar Aghaidh, Gambir and Mossy Moore. He won twice, including a three-mile chase at Newbury, and shaped well on the latest of his three runs this season when chasing home Glenfox at the Berkshire course last month.

David Gandolfo can round off a good day for Wantage stables by winning the second division of the Burgundy Novices' Chase with Deep Moppet while Grima, who had a winning debut over fences in the first division.

Deep Moppet runs at Ludlow in preference to the Aldington Novices' Chase at Folkestone, and that looks a wise move with Some Shot and the Foodbroker both declared at the Kent course. Some Shot was a clear winner from Mount Harvard, Roman Son and Pebble Island at Warwick and should have a fitness edge over The Foodbroker, who has not run since chasing home Bright Morning at Windsor six weeks ago.

Bob Champion sets a poser by saddling Eggnog and Three Chances in the Heathfield Handicap Chase but preference is for the latter, who ran well until falling at Wolverhampton last month and then beat Yeleso in a slightly better race than today's at Nottingham.

Earls Brig remains Chepstow possible

Phil Tuck became the first professional jockey to team up with Earls Brig at Kelso yesterday and, for the first time in three outings, the nine-year-old managed to complete the course.

Earls Brig started at 9-4 on but could finish only second to Unscrupulous Judge, beaten two lengths, in the Launder Handicap Chase. His owner-trainer, William Hamilton, will decide today whether Earls Brig goes for the Welsh National at Chepstow on Saturday. "He ran a great race considering all the weight he was giving away," Hamilton said.

Earls Brig, who was always tracking Unscrupulous Judge on the final circuit, was conceding 38lb to the winner. He made two mistakes, however, at the fifth and two out. A flood of office money reduced Earls Brig's price from 6-4 on to 9-4 on.

Unscrupulous Judge initiated a double for Arthur Stephenson, who later saddled Durham Edition to win the Gattonside Novices' Chase by five lengths from Barrister Boy.

Gareth Charles-Jones made it two wins from two rides at the course when Holly Buoy snatched a short head victory over Tot in the Earlston Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Hurdle. Charles-Jones, who rides for Stan Mellor, had previously partnered Malistrano to win at the course in October.

Holly Buoy, who must be held up until the last minute, came with a well-timed run over the last to cut down Tot on the line. "Gareth phoned me up for the ride. It is the first time he has ridden for me," Mary Reveley, the winning trainer, said.

"I expect to bring Holly Buoy out again over the Christmas period. Two miles is his maximum trip and I am really pleased with the way Gareth rode him."

Holly Buoy is home bred by Stewart Wood, who runs the Rose and Crown public house at Newton. Excavator Lady started 9-4 favourite but trailed in nearly 40 lengths back in last place.

● Righthand Man is 5-1 favourite from 6-1 with Mecca for Saturday's Welsh National.

Male pride takes another pounding

By John Karter

It was ladies first, the other lot a poor second at wet and windy Leicester yesterday. And even before Jenny Pitman and Monica Dickinson, those leading ladies of National Hunt racing, had once again swept aside the male challenge, Georgina Herbert, a 17-year-old girl apprentice, had grasped her chance to put one over on the boys.

It was only a humble conditional jockeys' selling race that Miss Herbert won on the 33-1 outsider, Rodooso, but the victory - her first from only six rides - clearly meant as much to her in its way as Mrs Pitman's spectacular treble.

It also meant a great deal to the horse's trainer, Frank Coton, a Nottinghamshire permit holder, because before Rodooso's win he had gone three and a half years without a success.

The euphoria was swiftly dispelled, however, as the pair were whisked away to the stewards' room to explain Rodooso's running as compared with her apparently dismal effort at Nottingham two weeks previously. There, the four-year-old filly had finished a street behind yesterday's runner-up, the odds-on Gold Hunter, on the same terms.

Miss Herbert's explanation that Rodooso had been interfered with when in the lead at Nottingham and Coton's statement that the horse had much preferred yesterday's softer ground, were accepted by the stewards.

So, while our young heroine with the spiky punk haircut was left to enjoy the rest of the afternoon cocking a snook at her unchivalrous rivals ("They always swear and shout at me during a race just because I'm a girl"), Mrs Pitman, aided and abetted by Mrs Dickinson, proceeded to rub a liberal helping of salt into male wounds.

Victories by Duesenberg (Christmas Tree Novices' Chase) Smith's Man (Harry Holmes Chase) and Grundy Glow (Ivy Handicap Hurdle) maintained Mrs Pitman's dominance of the jumping scene. Not to be outdone, Mrs Dickinson produced a young chaser in Midsummer Special, who could well reach the heights of previous Harewood stars.

Mrs Pitman's joy was tempered, however, not just by the fact that her son, Mark, is still suffering from severe concussion after his car crash and will not ride until the New Year, but also by the injury sustained by Ben De Haan in his fall from I'm A Dealer in the Malden Timber Novices' Hurdle.

De Haan, who has a suspected cracked left arm, missed all three winning rides and, while Mrs Pitman was taking nothing away from Mark Perrett and Richard Rowe, who deputized so ably, she was at pains to point out how unfair the accident was on De Haan, who is responsible for so much of her schooling.

Of the Pitman trio, special mention must be made of Duesenberg, a former eventer, who jumped like a buck in his first race over fences. The son of Rugged Man made the favourite, Emperor Charles, look leaden-footed as he gained a length in the air at several fences.

An exciting future seems assured for Duesenberg, a remark that also applies to Mrs Dickinson's six-year-old, Midsummer Special, who was not even thought fit enough to win.

Ronnie Beggan brought Midsummer Special from an apparently impossible position at halfway to challenge Bucks Green at the last fence. Although he almost uprooted that obstacle, Midsummer Special hardly lost any impetus and, seeming clear on the run-in, he left the indelible impression that we will be hearing a lot more of him during the coming months.

Course specialists

FOLKESTONE

TRAINERS: P Mitchell 5 winners from 26 runners, 19.2%; D Gandolfo 4 from 21, 19.0%; J Gifford 12 from 64, 18.8%.

JOCKEYS: R Rowe 6 winners from 51 rides, 15.7%; A Webber 4 from 36, 11.1%; R Goldstein 5 from 55, 10.9%.

LUDLOW

TRAINERS: A Aylett 6 winners from 12 runners, 58.0%; J Edwards 18 from 73, 24.7%; Mrs M Rimell 9 from 51, 17.6%.

JOCKEYS: S Morshead 14 winners from 77 rides, 18.2%; P Scudamore 20 from 118, 16.9%; P Warner 7 from 46, 15.2%.

Folkestone inspection

Today's meeting at Folkstone hinges on an 8am inspection.

BOOK REVIEWS

O'Brien a pioneer of Turf's new era

By Michael Seely

Vincent O'Brien's Great Horses, by Ivor Herbert and Jacqueline O'Brien (Pelham Books, £15).

This deceptively simple title of a book about the 16 best horses trained by Vincent O'Brien conceals the authoritativeness and scope of the author's latest work, which has been written in collaboration with the trainer's wife, Jacqueline.

From 1948, the season in which O'Brien won his first Cheltenham Gold Cup with Cottage Rake, until 1984 when the quietly-spoken Irish genius captured his 38th classic with El Gran Senor in the 2000 Guineas, the book covers a span of 36 years.

This period has seen a dramatic reversal of the trend which saw the best European blood lines vanishing to the United States. Nowadays the highest class racing is once again seen in Ireland, France and particularly in England. It is no exaggeration to say that O'Brien is the man who has been principally responsible for this process.

Robert Sangster pinpointed the reasons for this when he says: "I recognized that Vincent was a genius. I would never have spent in the market otherwise."

"Because he has the proven results, he gives you the confidence to invest money. When he is looking at yearlings, he is measuring them as three-year-olds at Epsom. He can picture them. He's got a fantastic feel for a horse. I think that's his gift."

Vincent O'Brien: architect of Anglo-Irish revival

O'Brien's summing up of his great horses is as follows: "I would have to rate Nijinsky first. Him or Sir Ivor. For brilliance, Nijinsky. For toughness, Sir Ivor. Or Golden Fleece, for he was never tested."

The importance of Vincent O'Brien will only be finally realised when the story of racing in the second half of the twentieth century comes to be written. His exploits with the sons of Northern Dancer has created a new industry in Europe, the business of stallion promotion. And now the Arab owners and men like Stavros Niarchos have joined in the game as prices continue to rise. O'Brien has been the architect and pioneer of this new era of the Anglo-Irish Turf. This is a superbly illustrated classic and a must for every serious student of the Turf.

The Makers of the Modern Thoroughbred by Peter Willett (Stanley Paul, £12.95).

Peter Willett's latest offering tells the tale of many of the characters who had a formative influence in the development of the racehorse as we know it today. There are chapters on the Aga Khan and on Marcel Boussac, the French textile magnate whose horses swept the board in England in the immediate post-war era.

The author, a member of the Jockey Club and president of the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association, gives a pen portrait of Bernard, the sixteenth Duke of Norfolk, who was such a dominant influence in racing until his death in 1975.

There is an account of the career of the eccentric but gifted Italian cavalry officer, Frederico Tesio, who bred Nearco and Ribot as well as Tenerani and Donatello II. This is a scholarly work which has been researched with the thoroughness that is the author's own particular *trademark*.

On and Off The Rails, The Best of Brough Scott (Gollancz, £8.95).

Through a cleverly-linked series of *Sunday Times* articles, this outstanding journalist holds up a mirror to the "great triviality," as Phil Bull once described racing.

The sport is a caricature of real life, with triumph and disaster, pain *and pleasure inextricably mixed and* the one often following hard on the heels of the other. Scott describes them all in his crisp and economical prose.

What could be more effective than his ad-libbed piece on the happenings at Newcastle in November 1983: "Tragedy came brutally out of the cupboard at *Newcastle yesterday. Ekbalco, the* best horse in the north, smashed his shoulder when he fell and had to be shot just as he was challenging for the lead in the Fighting Fifth Hurdle."

Scott has no equal as a chronicler of racing heroes, both equine and human.

No Secret So Close, a biography of Bruce Hobbs by Tim Fitzgeorge-Parker (Pelham Books, £10.95).

Bruce Hobbs first hit the headlines when riding Battleship to victory in the Grand National when riding Battleship to victory in the Grand National in 1938 at the age of 16. The author knows both his subject and the background to this work particularly well.

The scene moves through high Leicestershire in the 1930s, the Middle East during the 1939-45 war and Lambourne and Newmarket from the early Fifties until the present time.

Hobbs is an honourable, courageous and very human man. This is a compelling account of the life of a great professional and of the changing face of British racing during the period of his successful career.

The Head Waiter, a biography of Harry Wragg by Michael Seth-Smith (Michael Joseph, £10.95).

Harry Wragg's career as a jockey and trainer covered more than 60 years. Known as the Head Waiter *for his patient tactics in the saddle*, the Sheffield-born perfectionist is a legend in his lifetime, having achieved equal success in both spheres of his profession.

Well-researched and fully-documented by an able historian, the story of Wragg's association with such good horses as Felstead, Blenheim, Rockfel and Watling Street shows how he has carved a unique place for himself in the annals of the turf.

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Chancery Division

Correspondence means exchange of letters

Stearn and Others v Twitchell

Before Mr Justice Warner

[Judgment delivered December 7]

The phrase "contracts by correspondence" in the context of section 46 of the Law of Property Act 1925 meant that for there to be correspondence there had to be at least an exchange of letters and accordingly a contract resulting from the acceptance by letter of an oral offer referred to in a written document which was not itself a letter was not a "contract by correspondence".

Mr Justice Warner so held in the Chancery Division in allowing an appeal by the plaintiff vendors against an order of Master Barratt that their agreement with the defendant purchaser was a "contract of correspondence" *and that the rate* of interest applicable on the purchase price was to be calculated at 5 per cent a year in accordance with condition 3 of the Statutory Form of Conditions of Sale made under section 46 of the 1925 Act.

Mr Andrew Bateson, QC and Mr D. A. McConville for the vendors; *Miss Sally Finn for the purchaser.*

MR JUSTICE WARNER said that he had heard the appeal in chambers but was delivering judgement in open court because the case gave rise to a question of interpretation of section 46 of the Law of Property Act 1925 on which there was no existing judicial authority.

The vendors had entered into a written contract for the sale of part of their estate to the purchaser for £125,000 on December 22, 1982. On the same day they granted an option to the purchaser for him to buy the rest of the estate for £115,000 (the option document), handwritten on a sheet of writing paper headed with the address and telephone number of the estate and signed by them.

That document gave the purchaser an option to buy until January 15, 1983, to be completed on or before March 31, 1983. On January 14, 1983 the purchaser telephoned the vendors' solicitor (William Attwood & Son) to say he was exercising *the option.*

However, on January 17 the vendors' solicitor received a letter from the purchaser dated January 14 confirming he was taking up the option but subject to a condition, *inter alia*, postponing completion until May 1, 1983.

On its receipt the vendors' solicitor advised the purchaser's solicitor by telephone on January 17 that the option must be exercised on the written terms or not at all, and in the late afternoon of the same day the purchaser's solicitor informed the vendors' solicitor by telephone that the purchaser unconditionally exercised the option.

Letters were then written by both *solicitors to each other on January* 17. They crossed in the post. The vendors' solicitor must have dispatched his letter before hearing from the purchaser's solicitor that the purchaser had decided to exercise the option unconditionally because he did not mention that fact, confining himself to giving the purchaser an extension of 48 hours; to enclosing a copy of the purchaser's letter of January 14; and to repeating what he had told the purchaser's solicitor on the telephone. The purchaser's solicitor's letter referred to the telephone conversations and confirmed the exercise of the option.

Disputes arose and a writ was issued on March 17, 1983, the action being tried by Mr Justice Goulding who delivered judgment on May 9, 1984. He granted the vendors specific performance of the agreement as evidenced by the option document; the purchaser's letter of January 14 and both solicitors' letters dated January 17.

The order was made on June 20 and it directed, *inter alia*, an inquiry as to what rate of interest (if any) beyond 5 per cent a year should be allowed for on the sum of £115,000 from March 31, 1983 when the purchase ought to have been completed according to the agreement.

The purchaser contended that the agreement was a contract by correspondence within the meaning of those words in section 46 of the 1925 Act so that the statutory form of conditions of sale prescribed by the Lord Chancellor under that section applied. Those conditions were prescribed as long ago as August 7, 1925 and the rate of interest for which they provided was only 5 per cent.

Master Barratt held on the summons for inquiry on October 2, 1984 that the agreement was a contract by correspondence and accordingly the rate of interest was 5 per cent. The present appeal was against that decision.

There was no relevant statutory definition of the phrase "contracts by correspondence" contained in section 46. The relevant definition of "correspondence" in the Oxford English Dictionary was "intercourse or communication by letters"; see also Professor Farrand's 18th edition of *Emmet on Title* p83 concerning section 46. Professor Farrand's own book, *Contract and Conveyance*, 4th edition p81 did not add anything to the passage in *Emmet*, except that he pointed out the undesirability *for a vendor of* entering into a contract for the sale of land without the shelter of conditions and suggested that for that reason the widest possible application should be given to the statutory form of conditions.

His Lordship agreed that letters confirming an oral contract would not constitute a contract by correspondence within section 46. There was a difference between correspondence that brought a contract into existence and that which merely evidenced a contract made by other means.

He disagreed with the proposition that the phrase "contract by correspondence" was apt to describe a contract resulting from the oral acceptance of an offer made by letter or from the acceptance by letter of an offer made orally. His Lordship did not think that a single letter could constitute correspondence, there had to be at least an exchange of letters.

It was noteworthy that the definition of "correspondence" in the Oxford English Dictionary referred to "letters" in the plural. He left aside and would say nothing about the cases where telegrams or telexes were used.

Nor was it proper for the court to give an artificially extended meaning to the phrase in section 46 for fear of leaving vendors without the shelter of conditions.

The section itself provided that the statutory form of conditions of sale might be made to apply to contracts other than those made by correspondence "but only by express reference thereto" which did not seem consistent with an intention that those conditions should be given the widest possible application.

The section also referred to "any modification, or any stipulation or intention to the contrary, expressed in the correspondence" which suggested that the authors of the section envisaged that in the case of such a contract all its terms would be found in the correspondence or at all events would be ascertainable from it.

His Lordship was prepared to assume in the purchaser's favour that the acceptance that caused the relevant contract to come into existence was contained in the purchaser's solicitor's letter of January 17.

It was not apparent that the offer that was thereby accepted was *contained in anything which could* be described as a letter and it would be a plain misuse of language to describe the option document as a letter.

In any case the irrevocable offer it contained lapsed on January 15. The purchaser's conditional acceptance of that offer by his letter of January 14 was ineffective or at most acted as a counter offer which was rejected by telephone on the morning of January 17.

The offer that was accepted by the purchaser's solicitor's letter was the offer then made by the vendors' solicitor orally on January 17, albeit it referred to the option document.

The vendors' solicitor's letter of January 17 did not form part of the contract, it merely confirmed that oral offer and it reached the purchaser's solicitor after the contract had been concluded by the posting of the latter's letter.

At best therefore, from the purchaser's point of view, the case was one of a contract resulting from the acceptance by letter of an oral *offer referring to a written docu*ment not itself a letter. Such was not a "contract by correspondence" within the meaning of section 46 and the case would be sent back to the master for further consideration.

Leave to appeal was granted.

Solicitors: Cameron Markby; Gregory Rowcliffe & Co. for Woolley & Weston, St Albans.

Sale of option right is subject to gains tax

Golding (Inspector of Taxes) v Kaufman

Before Mr Justice Vinelott

[Judgment delivered December 12]

A sum *received by an option* holder in return for relinquishing his option rights was to be charged to capital gains tax. Paragraph 14(3) of Schedule 7 to the Finance Act 1965 properly construed did not provide an exemption from the *liability that was imposed by the* provisions of section 22 of the Act.

Mr Justice Vinelott so held in a reserved judgment in the Chancery Division in allowing an appeal by the Crown from a determination of the special commissioners who had reduced an assessment to capital gains tax on the taxpayer, Mr Zacharias Kaufman, having found *that a sum of £5,000 received by* him for abandoning his rights under an option was expressly exempted from charge by paragraph 14(3) of Schedule 7.

Under the terms of an agreement the taxpayer acquired the benefit of an option whereby he could in certain circumstances require an investment company to purchase his shareholding in the company that employed him. In 1969 the investment company paid to the taxpayer £5,000 to abandon his rights under that option. The taxpayer was assessed to capital gains tax for the year 1968-69 in an amount that included the £5,000.

Mr Andrew Park, QC for the Crown; Mr Andrew Thornhill for the taxpayer.

MR JUSTICE VINELOTT said that the issue was whether a sum paid to a person (the option holder), who had the right to call on another to sell property to him (a call option), for the release of the option, was a capital sum derived from an asset (the option) which fell to be brought into account in computing his chargeable gains.

Section 22 of the 1965 Act dealt with the disposal of assets and computation *of* gains and by subsection (3) there was "a disposal of assets by their owner where any capital sum is derived from assets notwithstanding that no asset is acquired by the person paying the capital sum." Section 23 of the Act dealt with losses.

Paragraph 14(3) of Schedule 7 to the Act provided: "The exercise or abandonment of an option by the person for the time being entitled to exercise it shall not constitute the disposal of an asset by that person ..."

The commissioners, holding that that provision exempted the taxpayer from the tax in respect of the £5,000, rejected the Crown's argument that the word "abandon*ment" described only the extinction* of an option by lapse of time. They were right to do so.

Examination of paragraph 14 yielded no compelling reason for construing "abandonment" in any particular way. However, an alternative argument now raised by the Crown threw a new light on paragraph 14 that resolved the difficulty. It involved the provisions of section 22(3) and 23(3) of the Act – the latter but not the former being expressly made subject to paragraph 14.

Properly construed paragraph 14(3) created an exception to the general rule that the extinction of an asset was to be treated as a disposal for the purpose of creating an allowable loss. Looked at in that context the word "abandonment" was used in the wider sense contended for by Mr Thornhill. Thus it followed that the subparagraph did not provide an exemption for the taxpayer and the *appeal had to be allowed.*

Solicitors: Solicitor of Inland Revenue; Heald Nickinson.

Leicester results

Going: hurdles - soft, chase - good

12.30 (2m hdle) 1, RODOOSO (Georgina Herbert, 33-1); 2, Gold Hunter (S Earle 8-15 fav); 3, Infinite Star (J Duggan, 9-4) ALSO RAN: 12 Gala Boy (fell), 33 Bounteous Spirit (P/U). 5 ran. 5l 12. F Coton at Nottingham. TOTE: £19.60; £5.40, £1.10. DF: £7.00. CSF: £50.34.

1.00 (2m hdle) 1, JUST ALICK (A Brown, 6-4 fav); 2, Preacher's Gem (M Perrett, 50-1); 3, Dixton House (P Scudamore, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 Brolin (5th) 11-1 Rum 7 Experimenting (4th) 12 Buckfast Abbey 14 The Sundayv Man 20 I'm A Dealer (fell) 50 Arctic Brouse, Ballymurphy (fell) Highwood, Mandy's Seal, Stradull (P/U) Ferndels, Madam Shakira (6th) Energise. NR: Singlecote, Bantude Silent Surrender 17 ran. 1½l, 1l, 2l, 2l 15l. M H Easterby at Great Habton. TOTE: £1.90; £1.50, £44.70, £1.10. DF: winner OR 2nd with any other £1.60. CSF: £88.64.

1.30 (2m 4f ch) 1, DUESENBERG (M Perrett, 7-2); 2, Spider's Well (R Rowe, 7-2); 3, Emperor Charles (J Francome, 6-5 fav). ALSO RAN: 10 Sharagain 4th, Swift Messenger (5th), 20 Eddie Joe (6th). 6 ran. 2l, 15l, 2½l not recorded, 7l. Mrs J Pitman at Lambourn. TOTE: £6.50; £1.90, £2.00. DF: £12.00. CSF: £14.95.

Mark Perrett: Leicester double on Duesenberg and Smith's Man

2.0 (3m ch) 1, SMITH'S MAN (M Perrett, 8-11 fav); 2, Galileo (Mr M Armytage, 9-1); 3, Boe Orchid (C Brown, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 3 Sommelier (fell, remounted to finish 4th), 16 Another Plator (p/u). 5 ran. 10l, dist not recorded. Mrs J Pitman at Lambourn. TOTE: £1.70; £1.10, £3.10. DF: £7.90. CSF: £6.92.

2.30 (2m 4f) 1, MIDSUMMER SPECIAL (Mr P J Beggan, 9-1); 2, Bucks Green (R Rowe, 33-1); 3, Sir Kenwin (A Webber, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 100-30 fav Killegar Kim (4th), 11-2 The Small Miracle (5th), 6 Big Paddy Joe (6th), Deep Cross (p/u), 20 French Lieutenant (p/u) 25 Thistledown Path (fell), 33 Avanoe (fell), Cheerful Boy, Ana Brown (p/u). 12 ran. 4l, 4l, 15, 1½l. Mrs M Dickinson at Harewood. TOTE: £11.00; £4.90, £7.20, £1.80. DF: Winner or 2nd with any other £4.30. CSF: £218.21.

3.0 (2m 4f hdle) 1, GRUNDY GLOW (R Rowe, 11-2); 2, Falkland Conqueror (A Webber, 12-1); 3, Pelham Line (C Smith, 3-1 fav); 4, River Warrior (G Davies, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Princess Hecate, 5 High Renown (5th), 10 Captain Fantastic, 14 Dusty Farlow (p/u) 20 Lucky Green, One Armed Bandit (p/u) 25 Town Special (p/u), 33 Appalachian (p/u), Switch Off Busorm (p/u), Roon The Ben (p/u), Easy Listening (fell), Palar Ice (6th), Proudest Diana. 18 ran. 5l, 4l, 4l, 10l, 1½l. Mrs J Pitman at Lambourn. TOTE: £8.30; £1.80, £1.40, £1.80. £14.40. DF: £24.20. CSF: £65.25. Tricast £211.78. Placepot £41.00.

Kelso

12.15 (2m hdle) 1, HOLLY BUOY (G Charles-Jones, 4-1); 2, Tot (D Thompson, 9-2); 3, Tarchin (J O'Gorman, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Excavator Lady (6th), 7-2 Islay Mist (5th), 5 Frankness (4th). 6 ran. Sh hd, 6l, 1½l, 7l, 25l. Mrs G Reveley at Saltburn-by-the-Sea. TOTE: £7.50; £2.20, £4.90. DF: £9.00. CSF: £20.20.

12.45 (3m ch) 1, UNSCRUPULOUS JUDGE (Mr P J Dun, 6-1); 2, Earls Brig (P Tuck, 4-9 fav); 3, Mr Shugg (D Dutton, 3-1). ALSO RAN: 16 Chance Command (fell), 50 Vimy Ridge (4th). 5 ran. 2l, dist, 6l. W A Stephenson at Bishop Auckland. TOTE: £5.30; £1.30, £1.10. DF: £2.80. CSF: £9.48.

1.15 (2m 4f hdle) 1, AUTUMN BALLET (P A Charlton, 4-1); 2, Falconer Lady (Mandy Harrison, 5-1); 3, *Karmelanna (C Pimlott, 33-1).* ALSO RAN: 9-4 Deep Love, 7 Gray Rose-Bay, Sunset Surprise (5th), Cheery's Brig (4th), 20 Fasion, Golden Fame (fell), 33 Sea Sand (6th) Strathleven (p/u). 11 ran. 1½l, 6l, 2l, 12l. A Scott at Wooperton. TOTE: £6.50; £1.80, £2.20. £4.80. DF: £12.60. CSF: £22.61.

1.45 (2m 6f ch) 1, DURHAM EDITION (R Lamb, 11-10 fav); 2, Barrister Boy (P A Charlton, 2-1); 3, Another Wager (M Meagher, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Lillies Brig (4th), 25 Poloki (6th), 33 Moon Gazer (fell), Swaffham (5th). 7 Ran. 5l, 2l, 1½l, 12l, dist. W A Stephenson at Bishop Auckland. TOTE: £1.40; £1.50, £1.10. DF: £2.00. CSF: £3.55.

2.15 (2m hdle) 1, WARGAME (Mr J Quinn, 9-1); 2, Bellum (D Leadbitter, 8-1); 3, The Builder (N Doughty, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Maunby Prince, 13-2 Owen Herbert, 10 No Ransom (p/up), 0 Hasty Import (4th), 11 Kalyob, 14 Norwhistle, 20 Arpal Dash (5th), Fergy Foster (6th), Some Yoyo, 33 Romanard, Soft Centre, 50 Brilliant Fellow, Harbour Music, Kindee Hills, Master Brabinger, Melrose (p/up), Rogue Hermes, Colislace, Erroll's Elite. 22 ran. ¾l, 10l, 2½l, hd, ¾l. A C Batey at Stockfield. Tote: £11.30; £2.80, £3.50, £2.00. DF: £37.50. CSF: £88.93.

2.45 (2m ch) 1, SUPER SOLO (S Charlton, 13-2); 2, Polars Smartie (C Grant, 20-1); 3, Veiled City (Mr C Storey, 2-1 jt fav). ALSO RAN: 2 jt fav Drum Rullagh (5th), 5-2 Somerled (4th). 5 ran. 10l, sh hd, 12l 30l. T Craig at Dunbar. Tote: £4.10; £1.80, £2.70. DF: (winner or second with any other horse) £1.80. CSF: £86.64. Placepot £350.50 to a 50p stake.

LUDLOW

GOING: good to soft

12.30 AMONTILLADO CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£628: 2m) (15 runners)

2	143-041	BATON MATCH (D) (Communidata Ltd) M Chapman 4-12-0 (7 ex)	P Liddle
3	00021/4	CANDAULES (C James) C James 6-11-9	P Croucher
4	120/p-0	CAN'T SWIM (D) (D Woollard) R Howe 5-11-7	P Howe
5	/00000-	HASTY KATE (L Tory) L W Tory 5-11-6	N Fearn
7	0-01p0f	IN SLIPS (BF) (W Craig) C Miller 5-10-11	T Currill
8	00044-p	GALTRIM (Cellings & International) C Jackson 5-10-10	W Smith
9	p14000	PORTO LOUISE (D) (F Jackson) W Clay 5-10-9	S Harris
11	f00-0p3	FREEFALL (B) (D Chatterley) M Tate 4-10-4	W Hayes
12	3042-0f	SEVERN SOUND (D) (J Bradley) J Bradley 6-10-4	Sharron James
13	0p2004-	INDADO (D) (R Williams) R Williams 6-10-3	C Evans
14	432-404	LIFT HIGH (M Endicott) D Tucker 5-10-3	C Bourne
16	0000/0p	BUGATTI (B) (D Hutchinson) R Peacock 6-10-1	-
17	000000	ROCHE GIRL (S Torr) S Torr 6-10-0	Susan Wilton
18	p40-003	KALO ASTRO (C Dodson) J S Wright 5-10-0	-
19	00-003p	TENNIS TRACK (B) (M Stephens) 6-10-0	N Coleman

1983: Derbyshire Flier 6-10-9 P Croucher (6-1) J Roberts 9 ran.

5-2 Baton Match, 4 Candaules, 9-2 Freefall, 6 Lift High, 8 Galtrim, 10 In Slips, 14 Severn Sound, 20 others.

FORM: BATON MATCH (11-5) ¾l Nottingham winner from Gold Hunter (11-0) (2m hdle, 1708, good, Dec 3, 8 ran). FREEFALL (10-9) beaten 38l when 3rd of 8 to Epryana (11-0) at Chepstow (2m hdle, £630, soft, Dec 1). LIFT HIGH (10-10) 14l 4th of 12 to Ashleigh Boy (11-1) at Wolverhampton, when GALTRIM (11-8) was backward, soon tailed off, and pulled up before the 6th (2m 7f hdle, £702, soft, Nov 26). KALO ASTRO (10-3) 10¾l 3rd of 9 to Jacinto Times (11-11) at Uttoxeter (2m 1f hdle, £662, good, Nov 15). TENNIS TRACK pulled up before the 7th in novice chase last time, previously (10-2) 12½l 3rd to Pampered Gypsy (11-2) at Ludlow 8l ahead of CANDAULES (11-9) who was 4th (2m hdle, £636, good, Nov 28, 9 ran).
Selection: *KALO ASTRO.*

Ludlow selections

By Mandarin

12.30 Lift High. 1.0 Grima. 1.30 Co Member. 2.0 Ensigns Kit. 2.30 Deep Moppet. 3.0 TIMURS DOUBLE (nap).

By Michael Seely

1.30 PLAY THE KNAVE (nap). 2.0 Sweetcal.

1.0 BURGUNDY NOVICE CHASE (Div I: £931: 2m) (12)

1	4433/31	ST WILLIAM (D) (W Morecombe) R Hodges 7-11-7	Peter Hobbs
2	022/00-	CORBENSON (J Tucker) Mrs D Tucker 8-11-0	Philip Hobbs
3	0002-0p	DICKENSIAN (BF) (T Hayward) Mrs S Davenport 6-11-0	P Scudamore
4	0p0/0-f	DOUBLE BARREL (W McKenzie-Coles) W McKenzie-Coles 8-11-0	R Hoare
6	01000-p	FINNESKO (Mrs Z Clark) S Christian 6-11-0	Mr T Thomson Jones
7	000/000	GLASGOW CENTRAL (W Morgan) B Palling 7-11-0	Mr P Morgan
8	230-p0	GRIMA (M Pridham) I Dudgeon 7-11-0	M Richards
10	2b0up0	OULART HILL (R Harper) M Oliver 8-11-0	R Crank
11	0p22-of	SAYS EYE (P Harris) D Wintle 9-11-0	N Babbage
12	4ff34p	FRA MAU (Lady S Brooke) Lady S Brooke 8-10-9	R Hyett
14	100-0p	STUBBS DAUGHTER (P Keith-Roach) K Bailey 7-10-9	M Richards
15	f	TORY MEMBER (Mrs R Hambro) Mrs M Rimell 7-10-9	S Morshead

1983: Hever 8-11-4 P Leach (5-1) M Pipe 12 ran

13-8 St William, 11-4 Tory Member, 9-2 Frau Mau, 7 Dickensian, 12 Grima, 16 Says Eye, 25 others.

FORM: ST WILLIAM (11-4) left clear by the last fence fall of Rufus T Firefly when beating Brown Blazer (11-4) by 20l at Plumpton (2m ch, £1,599, soft, Dec 12, 11 ran). GRIMA (11-4) backward when 28½l 15th of 17 to Morning Line (11-4) at Hereford (2m hdle, £1,087, soft, Dec 4). FRA MAU, pulled up last time, previously 25l 4th of 6 to Killegar Kim (11-5) at Warwick (2m ch, £2,555, good to soft, Nov 17). Earlier (10-10) 5½l 4th of 7 to Freight Forwarder (11-1) at Cheltenham (2m ch, £4,378, good, Oct 24).
Selection: FRA MAU.

1.30 VINTAGE PORT HANDICAP CHASE (£1,370: 3m) (12)

1	303p-00	GREENBANK PARK (A Budge Ltd) R Perkins 7-11-11	Dai Williams
5	3320f-f	MINT STREAK (P Oliver) Mrs E Kennard 8-11-5	P Richards
6	414314	EBONY BILL (CD) (W Naylor) K Bailey 9-11-3	M Perrett
7	00-1211	PLAY THE KNAVE (C de P Berry) P Bailey 9-11-3	S Morshead
8	331-32u	ROYAL NORMAN (B) (D) (Mrs M Brisbourne) A Brisbourne 8-11-1	M Brisbourne
9	41p-042	CO MEMBER (D) (Mrs J Finding) T Forster 8-10-10	H Davies
12	4033-0p	LUMPARITA (C) (A Aylett) A Aylett 9-10-4	G Jones
13	21p-223	CONEEN KING (D) (E Noden) P Ransom 9-10-3	P Warner
14	1/20-03	CASTLE WARDEN (BF) (M Shone) J Edwards 7-10-3	P Barton
15	120332-	BRONWYN (T Hayward) Mrs S Davenport 7-10-1	P Scudamore
16	0341-f3	FORTSTAR (L Thwaites) S Christian 8-10-0	K Mooney
17	414230	BUCK ROYALE (Mrs P Tory) T Tory 11-10-0	B Powell

1983: Laurenson 8-11-2 Mr T Weston (9-1) M Oliver 14 ran.

15-8 Play The Knave, 5-2 Co Member, 4 Royal Norman, 6 Ebony Bill, 8 Cloneen King, 10 others

FORM: GREENBANK PARK (11-9) 40l 6th of 8 to Three Chances (10-4) at Nottingham (3m ch, £1,808, good to firm, Dec 3). PLAY THE KNAVE (11-10) beat Emperor Charles (11-2) 2½l in Wincanton Novice Chase (2m 5f, £1,293, good, Nov 29, 10 ran). *CO MEMBER (11-9) weakened* approaching last when 30l 2nd of 7 to Glenfox at Newbury (3m ch, £1,935, soft, Nov 23). CLONEEN KING (10-6) 10l 2nd of 12 to Dr Pepper (11-0) at Worcester, when MINT STREAK (11-8) was bit backward and fell at the 1st (3m ch, £1,505, soft, Nov 21). FORTSTAR (11-0) 18l 3rd of 10 to Big Brown Bear (11-4) at Wolverhampton (3m ch, £1,713, soft, Nov 26). BUCK ROYALE (10-10) was carrying 30lb more than long handicap weight when 5¾l 5th of 9 to Mount Oliver (10-6) at Wincanton (3m 1f ch, £2,443, good, Nov 29).
Selection: BUCK ROYALE

2.0 CLARET HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,251: 2m) (16)

2	02-0p03	SEAGRAM (CD) (Maincrest Ltd) D Barons 4-11-7	H Davies
3	u302-00	DOBSONS CHOICE (CD) (E Evans) E Evans 6-10-13	-
5	030-132	ROBOLIN (CD) (Mrs R Kennedy) R Hollinshead 9-10-11	J J O'Neill
6	004013	SWEETCAL (CD) (G Sumner) P Cundell 7-10-11	S Morshead
7	01-3302	OUI MONSIEUR (D) (J Bosley) J Bosley 10-10-10	Mr M Bosley 7
8	pl0-p0p	MORICE (D) (B Hartery) (P Bailey) 6-10-10	C Gwilliam
10	020-001	ENSIGNS KIT (CD) (A Brisbourne) A Brisbourne 9-10-10 (5 ex)	M Brisbourne
11	14-4100	THE THUNDERER (CD) (G Brunton) P M Taylor 4-10-8	A Carroll
13	040-000	LUCKY MISTAKE (B) (D) (G Allen) R Hodges 7-10-5	R Linley
14	/0000-0	CORNISH GRANITE (D) (G Palmer) M Pipe 6-10-2	R Dennis 4
15	0020-p	SILVER SEASON (Communidata Ltd) M Chapman 6-10-2	P Liddle 7
16	0p-3002	HOME COMMAND (D) (S Martin) J Bradley 4-10-0	C Evans 7
18	0213/00	BATTEN (D) (B Palling Ltd) B Palling 8-10-0	C Evans 7
22	112-p30	HOT PRETENCE (D) (Lady Shrewsbury) Ld Shrewsbury 7-10-0	P Warner
23	200100-	SILVER MAID (Mrs B Davis) M Pipe 5-10-0	P Leach
24	/01f-p0	KINGS TOWN (CD) (J Grogan) M Tate 7-10-0	C Smith

1983: Sweetcal 6-10-11 S Morshead (12-1) P Cundell 20 ran

3 Sweetcal, 7-2 Ensigns Kit, 9-2 Robolin, 6 Dobson's Choice, 8 Oui Monsieur, 10 The Thunderer, Seagram, 14 others.

FORM: SEAGRAM (11-10) 8l 3rd to Our White Hart (10-0) at Devon last year (11-0), 6l 2nd to Afzal (11-0) at Liverpool (2m hdle, £9,113, good, Mar 30, 17 ran). ROBOLIN (11-5) 8l 2nd to Townley Stone (10-7) at Uttoxeter (2m 1f, £690, good to firm, Oct 20 1983, 19 ran). OUI MONSIEUR (11-2) 3l runner-up to Qualitair Prince (10-1) at Southwell (2m hdle, £1,185, good to soft, Nov 20, 14 ran). ENSIGNS KIT (10-12) beat The Diplomat (11-6) by ½l at Leicester. SWEETCAL (11-3) a neck back in 3rd (2m hdle, £1,188, good to soft, Nov 30, 21 ran). BATTEN (10-0) eased once beaten when 7th to Indamelody (10-8) at Kempton (2m hdle, £1,696, good to soft, Nov 22, 9 ran).
Selection: SEAGRAM.

2.30 BURGUNDY NOVICE CHASE (Div II: £955 2m) (15)

1	401320	ROYAL MANX (D) (W Morgan) B Palling 7-11-7	Mr P Morgan
2	320/p33	DEMAREE (Mrs P Harris) (P W Harris) 8-11-0	R Stronge
3	2p2400	FLIGHT SHEET (M Haigh) P Felgate 8-11-0	P Scudamore
4	00p-fpp	FUNKY ANGEL (J Frost) Mrs E Harden 8-11-0	B Powell
5	44-p00u	ITSGOTTABEALRIGHT (Mrs E Skailes) Mrs W Sykes 7-11-0	S Morshead
6	/00p-00	JINJA THYME (M Grant) D Ringer 7-11-0	S McNeill
8	0/4f303	SOCK DENNIS (BF) *(R Hodges) R Hodges 8-11-0*	Mr R Callow
9	p0/pp-0	TAKABUCK (W McKenzie-Coles) W McKenzie-Coles 6-11-0	R Hoare
10	304-f	TARVILLE (J Speelman) J Edwards 6-11-0	P Barton
11	/0-u00f	VICTOR DUB (B) (P Cartridge) M Castell 6-11-0	M Castell
13	00/0000	CASTLE COR (C Creed) M Oliver 7-10-9	R Crank
14	f24-302	DEEP MOPPET (Parrish Bros Ltd) D Gandolfo 6-10-9	R Earnshaw
15	0p-00p0	FOOLISH HOOLEY (E Bevan) E Bevan 7-10-9	C Smith
16	000-p-f	KIDDY OAT (Mrs A Price) Mrs A Price 6-10-9	Colin Price
19	000/p	TULAROWENA (Mrs D Tucker) Mrs D Tucker 9-10-9	-

1983: Romany Nightshade 7-11-4 H Davies (11-4) T Forster 12 ran.

11-8 Royal Manx, 5-2 Deep Moppet, 4 Demaree, 8 Flight Sheet, 14 Sock Dennis, 20 others

FORM: ROYAL MANX (11-7) jumped badly when 44l 6th to Sir Kenwin (11-3) at Taunton (2m 3f ch, £1,311, soft, Dec 6, 14 ran). DEMAREE (11-5) 25l 3rd to The Welder (11-5) at Nottingham. FLIGHT SHEET (11-5) 13l away in 5th (2m ch, £995, good to soft, Nov 23, 8 ran). DEEP MOPPET (11-0) ½l 2nd to Golden Hornet (11-0) at Devon (2m 1f ch, £1,423, heavy, Dec 7, 14 ran).
Selection: DEMAREE.

3.0 RUM PUNCH NOVICE HURDLE (3-y-o: £639: 2m) (18)

2	100	SOLITARIO (CD) (M Parsons) B Preece 11-2	R Stronge
3	01	TINKERSFIELD (W Sturt) J Old 11-2	G Bradley
4	13	NIEKA (D) (BF) (J Colston) J Colston 10-11	C Smith
5	4310	SPRINGLE (D) (BF) (P Waldron) R Hollinshead 10-11	J J O'Neill
8		COUL WOLLOW (D Jones) B Cambidge 10-9	Mr J Cambidge 4
9		EL HOMBRE (R Ward) W G M Turner 10-9	Philip Hobbs
13		HOUDINI'S MARK (B Hollis) D Jones 10-9	P Christopher 7
15		LORD BUTCH (R Howe) R Howe 10-9	M Perrett
22	4	SHIELDAIG (W Dobson) P Cundell 10-9	A Gorman
23	2	STARWIND (J Lipscombe) (P Felgate) 10-9	P Dever
26		THE PROCESSOR (J Hurst) R Howe 10-9	P Howe 7
28	3	TIMURS DOUBLE (Ld Leverhulme) T Forster 10-9	H Davies
29	0	VIDEO LAD (Mrs M Price) B Preece 10-9	P Scudamore
30		VILLAGE POACHER (T Bill) T Bill 10-9	G Williams 7
33	p	ANGELA'S GIRL (P Gittins) R Griffiths 10-4	A O'Hagan
38		GLANSEVERA (I Anderson) Mrs J Evans 10-4	R Crank
41	0	MADAME DE COOMBE (R Ward) W G M Turner 10-4	A Sharpe
44	4	SPIV'S RIGHT (T Evans) J Bradley 10-4	G Davies

1985: (Div I:) Broad Beam 10-7 S Morshead (8-1) Mrs M Rimell 17 ran.
(Div II:) Ataman 10-7 S Morshead (8-1) Mrs M Rimell 17 ran.

11-4 Timurs Double, 4 Tinkersfield, 9-2 Starwind, 6 Springle, 7 Shieldag, 9 Nieka, 12 Spiv's Right, 20 others.

FORM: TINKERSFIELD (11-0) left clear when beating Panto Prince (11-10) 8l at Taunton (2m 1f hdle, £653 soft, Dec 6, 16 ran). NIEKA (11-0) 2l 2nd of 14 to Rix Woodcock (11-0) in Warwick conditional sell hdle, (2m, £478, soft, Nov 28). STARWIND (10-10) 8l 2nd of 19 to Shepherd's Hymn (10-10) at Leicester (2m hdle, £609, good to soft, Nov 30), with SHIELDAIG (10-10) 7l away 4th and SPRINGLE (10-12) 7th. TIMURS DOUBLE (11-0) 14½l 3rd of 15 to Against The Grain (11-0) at Newbury (2m hdle, £1,404, heavy, Nov 23), with TINKERSFIELD (11-0) 7th.
Selection: TIMURS DOUBLE.

FOLKESTONE

GOING: Chase soft, hurdles heavy. (8am inspection).

12.45 'NO SILVER' NOVICE HURDLE. (£548: 2m 6f) (13 runners)

6	f30p/00	GOLDEN RAMBLER (J Howgego) B Wise 6-11-4	R Rowell
7	00000-3	JOHN FEATHER (Mrs J Ramsay) D Oughton 5-11-4	P Double
8	0300p-0	*MAJOR TOM (Mrs J Pelly) Miss L Bower 7-11-4*	*G McCourt*
10	444p-pp	NOVEMBER RAIN (Mrs J Ramsay) D Oughton 6-11-4	G Charles-Jones 4
11	10/1-b0	REVOLVER (J Woodman) S Woodman 7-11-4	R Dunwoody
12	0/00	TEN BELOW (Lavinia Duchess of Norfolk) Lady Herries 6-11-4	M Kinane
13	3/22-pp	THE GOVERNOR (B) (E Sillis) J Jenkins 5-11-4	J Francome
14	00	THE JOESTAN (S Powell) P Haynes 5-11-4	R Rowe
15	0004	WORDEL (Mrs R Murdoch) Mrs R Murdoch 6-11-4	J Akehurst
16	0	CADDAGAT (Miss M Butcher) J Ffitch-Hayes 4-11-0	Miss P Ffitch-Hayes 7
19	p00-p04	EVENING SONG (Mrs P Townsley) B Stevens 5-10-13	Mr P Townsley
21	00-00	ERICA SUPERBA (I Buchan) P Bailey 4-10-9	A Webber
23	0-00p00	SHIRLSTAR MISS (N Upson) J Long 4-10-9	Miss P Upson

5-2 The Joestan, 100-30 Erica Superba, 5 Revolver, 13-2 Ten Below, 7 John Feather, 9 Evening Song, 10 The Governor, 12 Golden Rambler, 16 others.

Folkestone selections

By Mandarin

12.45 Ten Below. 1.15 Some Shot. 1.45 Jimmy Boy. 2.15 Three Chances. 2.45 Turkoman. 3.15 Pompous Prince.

Michael Seely's selection: 12.45 Ten Below.

1.15 ALDINGTON NOVICE CHASE (£1,277: 2m) (14)

1	010f1p	ROCKFIELD BOY (D) (Mrs P Garner) J Jenkins 7-11-10	J Francome
2	4/0-01	SOME SHOT (D) (R Shaw) R Armytage 5-11-5	A Webber
3	0pup/f	CAPTAIN AMERICA (D Goodwin) D Goodwin 8-11-0	J Barlow
4	f	CECCONI (C Willett) C Willett 7-11-0	-
7	4120-02	GOLDEN MINSTREL (W Gale) J Gifford 5-11-0	R Rowe
8	22/0-ff	HENNESSY HOUSE (Mrs L Ripley) G Ripley 7-11-0	-
10	/100-ff	KINGHOLM QUAY (Lady M FitzAlan Howard) Lady Herries 6-11-0	M Kinane
11	00/	MATISON (M Denness) M Madgwick 8-11-0	A Madgwick 4
13	00000/f	PASQUIER (T Chami) H O'Neill 5-11-0	M Hammond
15	30000p-	RUNWICK PROSPECT (B Edgeley) Miss L Bower 8-11-0	G McCourt
17	00200-2	THE FOODBROKER (BF) *(Food Brokers Ltd) P Haynes 8-11-0*	A Webb
20	30000-p	TRICKY BUSINESS (J Bird) A Moore 6-11-0	G Moore
21	pfp00-3	WEAVERSLAKE (A Neaves) A Neaves 8-11-0	C Warren 7
24	00/0p8f	MOUNTCOUT (P Houlihan) H Beasley 5-10-9	R Goldstein

15-8 Some Shot, 3 The Foodbroker, 4 Golden Minstrel, 5 Rockfield Boy, 10 Kingholm Quay, 12 Cecconi, 16 others.

1.45 SELLINDGE SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£628: 2m 110yd) (13)

3	f000/0	BROKEN FLIGHT (L Wells) J D Dawes 7-11-9	A Jones 7
4	4010/02	JAPSILK (B Wise) B Wise 11-11-7	R Rowell
5	400-000	BELL HOP (CD) (H Bishop) B Stevens 8-11-5	R Muggeridge 7
6	0/020-p	CHEHO (V Young) V Young 5-11-3	
7	00001-0	HAYWIRE (B) (M Keegan) M Keegan 10-11-2	J Akehurst
8	3000-p0	SWEET HIGHNESS (K David) Miss L Bower 6-11-1	G McCourt
9	32004	TOP GOLD (C Wright) H O'Neill 5-11-1	M Hammond
10	f13	SPEAK TO ME BONES (D) (V Kilkenny) G Thorner 10-10-10	A Webber
11	042-043	JIMMY BOY (P Houlihan) H Beasley 5-10-10	R Goldstein
13	0400p-0	BIHAS BOUNTY (D Goodwin) D Goodwin 8-10-9	J Barlow
14	000/p0p	KENO HILL (Mrs G Davison) A Davison 9-10-8	-
17	p4-02f0	ERNIE'S KEEP (G Carlotti) G Ripley 9-10-7	G Moore
18	/0000-0	TARA'S CHIEFTAIN (C White) C White 8-10-7	J H Davies

1983: Bell Hop 7-11-10 C Brown (6-1) B Stevens 15 ran.

7-4 Japsilk, 3 Speak To Me Bones, 4 Jimmy Boy, 7 Top Gold, 9 Bell Hop, 10 Broken Flight, 14 others

2.15 HEATHFIELD HANDICAP CHASE (£1,163: 3m 2f) (5)

1	f00f-p	EGGNOG (R Carrier Ltd) R Champion 11-11-12	G McCourt
3	10b-pf1	THREE CHANCES (M Perry) R Champion 5-10-4 (5 ex)	Mr M Low 4
5	f130p2	NORTH WEST (CD) (F Hill) A Moore 9-10-0	G Moore
6	2u1143	GREY TARQUIN (J Bridger) J Bridger 12-10-0	A Jones 7
7	p0-4332	RIB LAW (B) (A Caton) Miss L Bower 10-10-8	M Kinane

1983: Storm Prince 8-10-10 P Hobbs (12-1) I Dudgeon 13 ran.

2 Three Chances, 100-30 North West, 7-2 Grey Tarquin, 5 Eggnog, 8 Rib Law.

2.45 STANFORD NOVICE HURDLE (£548: 2m 110yd) (18)

2	00134	TRUMPS (D Hunnisett) B Swift 4-11-5	R Campbell 4
3	003-p00	BOLD PAGAN (Mrs R White) C White 5-11-4	J H Davies
5	0/3p-p	COASTAL RUN (Mrs A Chapman) P Mitchell 5-11-4	-
6		FIRST QUADRANT (Mrs E Richards) H O'Neill 6-11-4	M Hammond
7	0/2232	FRENCH CAPTAIN (Lavinia Duchess of Norfolk) Lady Herries 6-11-4	M Kinane
8	0-20	HEALTH N HAPPINESS (Mrs B Curley) D Thom 5-11-4	Mr D Murphy 4
9	00003/	HURRICANE HILL (L Womer) B Stevens 7-11-4	-
11		RED EMERALD (M Keegan) M Keegan 9-11-4	J Akehurst
14	p0-p	TOWN ROCKET (Miss J Heritage) C Horgan 5-11-4	R Rowe
15	020/00	TURKOMAN (B) (D Sasse) D Sasse 5-11-4	S Shilston
17	p-0000	BERTHON GOLD (L Boakes) G Ripley 4-11-0	G Moore
18	3-2	CAPTAIN WEBSTER (J Woodman) S Woodman 4-11-0	R Dunwoody
19	0	CASTILORE LAD (C Pike) J Long 4-11-0	R Rowell
21	0	CUMREW (G Smart) N Vigors 4-11-0	J White
23	0	FOLLY HILL (N Goymer) J Jenkins 4-11-0	J Francome
25	300-001	MOPSY LOVEJOY (B Smith) B Stevens 4-11-0	R Muggeridge 7
27	0	WALJAT (Mrs M Ritchie) D Grissell 4-11-0	R Goldstein
28	00000/	WESTERN KELLY (Mrs J Ford) G Gracey 7-10-13	Miss Z Davison 7

1983: Div I: Claudius Crozet 4-11-0 M Rimmer (10-1 G Huffer 18 ran).
Div II: Ikoyi Sunset 4-11-0 J Francome (3-1 jt-fav) S Woodman 18 ran.

15-8 French Captain, 3 Trumps, 4 Health N Happiness, 5 Captain Webster, 10 Turkoman, 12 Folly Hill, 16 others.

3.15 SHADDOXHURST CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (£794: 2m) (5)

1	003320	TEN BEARS (B) (D) (Air Cdre C Kunkler) T M Jones 8-11-10	G Charles-Jones
2	3-32202	POMPOUS PRINCE (BF) (M Bryant) S Woodman 11-11-6	P Corrigan
3	0201-fp	GRANGE HEIGHTS (J Parish) P Butler 9-11-3	K Burke
5	03-2240	*MILANESSA (Capt G Prest) G Prest 7-10-7*	S Earle
6	00/b0	*PUTEH MUKA (Hillfields Farming) E Witts 7-10-4*	P Goswell 5

1983: No corresponding race.

2 Ten Bears, 9-4 Pompous Prince, 100-30 Milanessa, 7 Grange Heights, 9 Puteh Muka.

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DEATHS

ANDERSON On 10th December 1984 at his home in Somerset, Lt. Colonel Arthur Louis Brunker Anderson, late The Connaught Rangers and 15th Lancers, Indian Cavalry.

BARKER – JEAN RADCLIFFE, peacefully at Benenden on 14th December aged 73, after much suffering borne with faith and dignity and courage. Beloved mother of Anne and widow of Gordon. Requiem at St. Marks Church, Surbiton, Surrey at 10am on Friday 21st December, followed by burial at Holy Trinity Church, Claygate. Family flowers only please.

BAGNALL. Suddenly on December 15th, Lt Colonel William Bagnall, OBE aged 78, dearly loved husband of Jane and father of William and Felicity. Funeral service St Modwens Church, Burton-on-Trent, on Friday December 21st, at 2 pm. Family flowers only please, donations, if desired, to the Matron, East Midlands Nuffield Hospital, Littleover, Derby.

BOYLE, CHRISTINA. – At home on December 16th, 1984, after a long illness, bravely borne, aged 73. Beloved wife of Andrew Boyle and their children Edmund and Diana. Requiem mass at RC Church, Hurst Green, East Sussex, on Thursday, December 20th at 11.30am. Burial private. No flowers please. Donations instead to the Marie Curie Memorial Foundation, 28 Belgrave Square, SW1.

BRADSHAW – Peter, Canon Emeritus of Norwich Cathedral, on Sunday, 16th December in hospital in Plymouth, aged 69. Most dearly loved by his late wife Daphne, children Celia, Jonathan, Nigel, Prue and Benjamin, nine grandchildren and sister Wendy. Funeral at Salcombe Parish Church, 2.30 Friday, 21st December, followed by cremation. Family flowers only, but donations welcome to Christian Aid, Mind, or Norwich Samaritans. Details of memorial service in Norwich Cathedral to be announced later.

BROOKES. On 17th December 1984, the Rt Rev Abbot Rudesind Brookes, OBE, MC, Monk of Downside, aged 86. Funeral Downside Abbey, Thursday 20th December, 2.30pm.

CHAMBERLAIN CHRISTOPHER (Chimp) December 13th at St Stephens Hospital. Cremation Putney Vale Crematorium Thursday 20th December at 3. No flowers, contributions to The A.G.B.I.

DEWAR. – On December 14th 1984 peacefully Michael Preston Douglas Dewar C.B., C.B.E. Brigadier, late The Buffs, of Great Maytham Hall, Rolvenden, Kent. Much loved father of Maurice and Ann and grandfather of Charles and Harry. Funeral at Brede Church (Rye, East Sussex) on Friday December 21st at 12 noon. Family flowers only, donations if desired for Cancer Research Campaign and all enquiries to K. B. Sills, High St, Cranbrook, Kent. Tel: (0580) 712284.

DOYLE STEAN M.R.C.V.S. Baroda Stud, Newbridge on December 16th 1984. Eldest son of Pat and Maureen (Glencarrig) as a result of a riding accident. Deeply regretted by his loving parents, his beloved Susan, brothers Tadgh and Padraig, sister Maureen Bagnall, nephews and nieces, relatives, friends and staff. Rest in Peace. Funeral today, Tuesday after 12 noon, Mass in Church of St Paul of the Cross Mount Argus to St Josephs Cemetery, Bohernabreena.

EATON, CORAH (Hamilton), on December 11, after a long illness bravely borne, Jamaican artist, beloved wife of Cal and mother of Judy, Maurice and Ann. Funeral service at Christ Church, Purley on Wednesday December 19 at 2pm prior to committal at Godstone Burial Ground. Flowers and enquiries to Ebbutt Funeral Service, 89 High Street, Croydon. Tel 688 5555.

EBSWORTH – on December 13, 1984 after a long illness bravely fought, Eileen, violinist and founder of The Ebsworth Quartet. Much loved sister of Dorothy and Phyllis, aunt of Peter. Funeral and memorial services to be announced later.

EMANUEL – On 17th December 1984, Sydney Francis Emanuel husband of Vera and father of Timothy. Private family funeral.

EVE – On December 14th, 1984, suddenly, Paddy, beloved wife of Keith, and devoted mother of Richard, Jenny and Duncan of Orcheston House, Orcheston St Mary. Private Cremation on Friday, 21st December, 1984. Cut flowers to G. W. Burden, Funeral Director, Church Street, Amesbury. Memorial service at Tilshead Church, 11am, Saturday 19th January, 1985.

FONSECA – On December 9th in India, Amador John of Abergavenny. Beloved husband of Kathleen and devoted father of Jose, Justine, Julian and Jonathan. Funeral Wednesday, 19th December, noon, Our Lady and St Michael's RC Church, Abergavenny. Donations British Diabetic Association, 10 Queen Anne Street, London W1.

FOORD – On December 13th peacefully at home in Berg en Dal, the Netherlands, after an illness borne with great courage, Henry Edward loved and loving husband of Janet and dear father of Charles and Jane. Funeral service will take place at Christ Church, Blacklands, Laton Road, Hastings on Thursday 20th December at 1.45 pm, followed by private cremation at Hastings Crematorium. Family flowers only but donations if desired to the World Wildlife Fund.

HOLLINS on December 14th 1984 peacefully at home, Hillside, Rotten Row, Lewes, Maude Caroline Stephanie aged 93 wife of the late Noel C. Hollins OBE, and much loved mother of Janet, Pamela and Martin. Funeral service Friday 21st December 11am at St Anne's Church, Lewes, cut flowers only please or donations if desired to the Church of England's Children's Society c/o William Weller, The Lewes Funeral Service Ltd, Phoenix Causeway, Lewes. Tel 474034. A Thanksgiving Service followed by interment of ashes will take place on Saturday 5th January 4pm at St Anne's Church, Lewes.

HUMPHREYS. – On December 16th at Godalming, Surrey, Gordon Stephen aged 79, much loved husband, father and grandfather. Private family funeral. Flowers to Gorringe and Son, Farncombe, Godalming. Thanksgiving service at a date to be announced. "Well done good and faithful servant."

JACK – Sir Daniel CBE., LLD. Peacefully on 15th December, at Austenmead, Chalfont St. Peter. Widower of Nan Dall of St. Andrews, Fife, and of Elizabeth Witter Stewart, of Kingston, Ontario, Canada. Enquiries to H. C. Grimstead Ltd, Chalfont St. Peter.

KEGIE – on Friday, December 14, at home, High Meadow, Christchurch, Nr Newport, Gwent: James O.B.E., F.R.T.P.I., F.R.I.C.S., A.I.A.S., aged 71 years. Funeral service at Holy Trinity Church, Christchurch, Thursday, December 20 at 2pm, followed by burial at Christchurch cemetery. Flowers to J James & Son, Bride Street, Chepstow. Tel: 2371 or 3241 by 11.30am or if preferred donations to Tenovus Prostatic Cancer Research Fund, 11 Whitchurch Road, Cardiff.

LAURIE. – On December 16, 1984 Laurence Contardo Bergameschini, adored husband of Mary and dearly loved father of Cara, Lucia and Emilia. Grateful thanks to the Nursing staff of Ticehurst House Hospital. Funeral private. "He was a verray parfit gentil knight".

LLOYD. Sampson Llewellyn DSO, TD, of Bagpath Court, Tetbury, Glos. on 17th December, peacefully in hospital after a long illness bravely borne. *Funeral private. Family* flowers only. Donations if desired to Tetbury Hospital, League of Friends. Thanksgiving to be announced later.

MASON – on December 13, 1984 suddenly in a car accident John Leslie Mason (Jack) aged 68, of Snowswick, Buswick, Faringdon, Oxfordshire, beloved husband, father and grandfather. Cremation strictly private. Memorial service St Lawrence Church, Lechlade on Monday, December 31, at 11am. No flowers please. Donations if desired to R.N.L.I.

MORRISON – Suddenly, on December 16th 1984, Alice Margaret (Peggy) of Ling Cottage, Newtown, Newbury, Berkshire, the very dearly loved wife of Niel McLeod Morrison and Pat Marshall. Funeral service at Burghclere Parish Church on Friday, December at 12 noon, followed by private family cremation.

NOBLE, Jessie of Dollis Hill, London, NW2. Peacefully in hospital on Saturday, 15th December, aged 79. Deeply mourned by family and friends.

OTTLEY on December 16th suddenly aged 81 Claudia, widow of the late Bruce Ottley and much loved mother of Lionel and Parlia and grandmother of Liza, Clare, Victoria, Richard, Charles, Chani, Sara and Emma. Funeral service Tichborne private. Memorial service London to be announced later.

PIGGOTT. – John Walter, on December 14th at his home, much loved husband of Mary (nee Gould) and dear father of Patrick and Shelagh and Richard Hubbard and children. Funeral service at St. Nicholas Church, Kenilworth on Thursday 20th December at 12.30 followed by cremation at Oakleywood Crematorium at 1.30. Family flowers only by request, but donations for the N.S.P.C.C. Kenilworth Branch may be sent to John Taylor Funeral Service, 178 Warwick Road, Kenilworth.

PONSONBY – On December 15 1984, at St Lukes Hospital, Dublin, Major George Thomas Ponsonby, M.C. Beloved husband of Libby and father of Tom, Henry and Peter. Funeral at Kilcoley Abbey on Tuesday December 18th at 3 p.m. No flowers but donations if desired to The Friends of St Lukes Hospital (For Cancer) Oaklands, Highfield Road, Dublin 6.

RICARDO. – On 14th December at Cookham, Jack, father of David and Lorna. No flowers, funeral private.

RICHARD – Peacefully at home on *14th December 1984, Colonel J. E. M. Richard.* Funeral private, no flower or letters please. Memorial service to be arranged at a later date.

ROSS. – On December 16th Alan Alistair (Angus) Ross, O.B.E., dearly loved and cherished husband of Marjorie, devoted father of Alistair and Callum and dear Grandpa of Katherine, Victoria and James. Funeral private. Family flowers only. If desired donations in his name to his beloved Christ's Hospital, c/o The Clerk, Christ's Hospital, 26 Great Tower Street, London, E.C.3. Memorial service to be announced.

RUSH – On December 13th, 1984, suddenly, David Anthony Rush, only son of the late Winifred and Aubrey Rush. Cremation December 21st, 10.40am at Beckenham Crematorium. Enquiries to Francis Chappell and Sons, 105a Church Road, SE19. Tel: 653 0492.

SADLER (Betty). – Dearest wife of Robert Sadler, Moreton, Thame, Oxon. Peacefully on 15th December. Funeral service at Thame Parish Church, 2pm, Thursday, 20th December, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, please. Donations to Sobell House, Churchill Hospital, Oxford.

SANFORD, VIOLET ALICE, widow of Lt Col G. A. Sanford, D.S.O., D.L. Sanford, 3rd Carabiniers, of Trilley Court, Abergavenny, on December 17th in her 92nd year. Cremation private.

SANT, JANE of Romans (Drome) widow of Glen Sant and mother of Jacqueline and Noel, peacefully on 15th December, 1984.

SIKLOS – On December 16th, 1984, suddenly and peacefully at home, Dr Theo Siklos, aged 73. Much loved husband of Ruth, father of Paul, Stephen and Bridget, and grandfather of Tabitha and Jonathan. First Principal of Crawley College of Technology 1957-1976. Cremation at The Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, Worth, nr Crawley, on Thursday, December 20th, at 3.30pm. Donations please in preference to flowers to St Catherines Hospice, Crawley.

SMITH. – Austin Geoffrey, Emeritus Professor of the University of Nottingham aged 66 years. On 15th December 1984 after a long illness courageously borne, very dearly loved husband of Ronnie (Vera). Funeral at Bramcote Crematorium, Coventry Lane, Bramcote, Nottingham, on Friday 21st December at 11 am. Family flowers only, donations in lieu to Ex-Services Mental Welfare Society or Marie Curie Foundation c/o Gleevers Funeral Service, 65 Middle Street, Beeston. A commemoration of his life will be held at Nottingham University at a date to be arranged.

SOPER – On December 14th, peacefully at home Claude James Soper, aged 76 years. The soul of Jim Soper passed over to be united again with his beloved wife Betty. Service at St Johns Church, Shirley, Friday, 21st December, at 3pm, followed by Cremation at Croydon.

STANSFIELD. – On Friday, 14th December, 1984, after a long illness borne with dignity and courage, Sir Walter Stansfield, CBE, MC, QPM, beloved husband of Jardy, dear father of Janet Fitch and loved grandfather of Sarah, Polly, Emily, Louisa, Tessa and Edward. Funeral service at St Giles Parish Church, Wrexham, Clwyd, on Friday, December 21st at 11.15am followed by cremation at Pentrebychan. Family flowers only, donations, if desired, to Derbyshire Constabulary Mutual Welfare Fund, Butterley Hall, Ripley DE5 3RS, and the Leukemia and Allied Blood Diseases Fund, c/o Dr D. K. Watson, Wrexham Maelor Hospital. Memorial service in London to be announced later.

THOMPSON – On December 15th 1984, at his home, Hinden Wood Cottage, Aldington, Kent, suddenly and peacefully, George Herbert Privett (Tommy) much loved and loving husband of the late Dora Winifred, very dear and devoted father of Penelope and Brian, affectionate brother-in-law of Phil and Esme. Funeral service at St. Martins Church, Aldington, on Friday December 21st at 2pm. Cremation private. Family flowers only. If desired donations to Cancer Research.

TULLY – Peacefully at home on December 15th aged 58 years, Brian of Ponteland, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Dearly loved husband of Rosemary a loving father of Bryony and Sarah. Service Holy Saviour Church, Milbourne, Ponteland on Wednesday, December 19th at 1.45 pm. Followed by Cremation at Newcastle Crematorium. No Flowers Please. Donations if desired to North of England Cancer Campaign, 17A Saville Row, Newcastle.

TWEEDIE – Dr. David Reid estates medical officer BA, BCh (Camb) MRCS, LRCP (Lond) of the White House, Singei Siput, Perak, Malaysia, on December 17th 1984, in Ipoh, aged 83. Dear husband of Ruth and father of David, Howard and Elizabeth. The funeral will be held in Batu Gajah with a memorial service to be arranged in London during the New Year. Letters to 1 Bedford Row, London WC1 (01-242 0631).

WEDEKIND – On 16th December, Elsa Margaret. Service: Upper Norwood Reform Church, Friday, 21st December, at 3pm, followed by Cremation at Croydon Crematorium at 4pm. No flowers, donations to Cancer Research Foundation.

WELLS – On December 16th 1984, peacefully at an Exeter Nursing Home, Eileen Mary, late of Home Farm House, Shackleford, widow of Archie Sandford Wells and dearly loved mother of Mary and David. Funeral service Exeter and Devon Crematorium, Thursday December 20th at 12.45 p.m. Memorial service at St Nicholas Church, Peperharow nr Godalming, January 10th at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations welcome to Peperharow Church, c/o The Rector, Compton Rectory nr Godalming.

WHATELY. On December 15th peacefully at Edgecumbe Nursing Home, Newbury, Edith Winifred Rhoda, wife of the late Major Ellis George Whately, MC, beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral service St Andrew's Church, Boxford, nr Newbury, on Thursday, 20th December, at 11.30am. Inquiries to Camp Hobson & Co, Newbury 43890.

WILSON – on December 15, 1984, Paula Eva, of Rockbourne, Hants (formerly of Radlett) after a short illness borne of courage and dignity; dearly loved and devoted wife of Peter, generous, beloved friend of many. Funeral at Rockbourne, 2pm, Friday, December 21. Flowers to Shearing, Fordingbridge, or donations to MacMillan Ward, Odstock Hospital, Salisbury.

YOUNGMAN – *Harold Rowel of 1, Wilberforce Road, Cambridge.* Peacefully in the Evelyn Hospital, on Saturday 15th December aged 84. Cremation private. No flowers at his request. Donations if wished to The Anaesthetic Research Fund, C/O The Clinical School, Addenbrookes hospital, Hills Road, Cambridge. A memorial service will be held at a date to be announced.

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BROWSE & DARBY, 19 Cork St, W1. 01-734 7984. DIANA ARMFIELD. Recent paintings.

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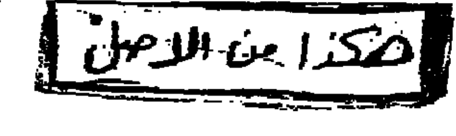
NATIONAL GALLERY, Trafalgar Sq, London WC2. CHRISTMAS EVENTS: Special children's exhibition, quiz and talks. Ring 01-839 3321 for details. (Recorded info. 01-831 3526.) Wkdys 10-6, Suns 2-6. Adm free. Closed 24, 25, 26 Dec and 1 Jan.

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Today's television and radio programmes

Summaries by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax AM. News headlines, weather, traffic and sports bulletins.

6.30 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough and Selina Scott. News from Debbie Rix at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30 with headlines on the quarter hours and at 8.59; sport at 6.40 and 7.40; regional news, weather and traffic at 6.45, 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15; programme choice at 6.55; a review of the morning newspapers at 7.18 and 8.18. Plus Alan Titchmarsh answering viewers' 'phone-in gardening questions and Glynn Christian with more Christmas recipes.

9.00 In Deepest Britain. Naturalists Patrick Harding and Roger Lovegrove, with archaelogist Peter Fowler, explore the Mendips in May (r). **9.30** Ceefax **10.30** *Play School* (r). **10.50** Ceefax.

12.30 News After Noon with Richard Whitmore and Frances Coverdale. The weather prospects come from Jim Bacon **12.57** Regional news (London and SE only: Financial report followed by news headlines with subtitles).

1.00 Pebble Mill at One. Six groups of schoolchildren in the final of the Christmas Carol Competition. The celebrity panel of judges is chaired by Peter Skellern. **1.45 Hokey Cokey.** A See-Saw programme for the very young.

2.00 Living on the Land. Lambing time at Hartsop Hall, a Lakeland farm (r).

2.25 Film: The Affairs of Annabel* (1938) starring Lucille Ball and Jackie Oakie. Comedy about a scatterbrained actress completely under the control of her ruthless agent. Directed by Ben Stoloff. **3.30** Cartoon Double Bill. **3.48** Regional news (not London).

3.50 Play School, presented by Ben Thomas **4.10 Dastardly and Muttley** (r) **4.20 Jackanory.** Michael Barrymore reads part two of The Land of Green Ginger **4.35 Captain Caveman. 4.45 So You Want to be Top.** The last in the series designed for those who aspire to teacher's pet.

5.00 John Craven's Newsround.

5.10 Star Trek. One of Captain Kirk's men is swept through space to times past where he retrieves the future (r). **5.58** Weather.

6.00 News.

6.30 London Plus.

6.55 The District Nurse. A schoolboys' football game ends in disaster and Megan and John Price combine to form a rescue team (Ceefax).

7.25 Halls of Fame. A salute to variety, introduced by Roy Hudd from the Empire Theatre, Sunderland. Among those on the bill are Alan Price, Frankie Vaughan, Noele Gordon and Bob and Alf Pearson.

8.10 Cagney and Lacey. Another case for the two vociferous ladies of the New York Police Force.

9.00 News with John Humphrys.

9.25 Play: More Lives Than One, by John Peacock. A drama about a middle-aged London builder, married with two sons, who has difficulty coming to terms with his homosexuality. Starring Michael N Harbour and Elspeth Charlton (see Choice).

10.45 The Other Half. John Pitman explores the relationship between former Playboy Club boss, Victor Lownes, and his companion for many years, Marilyn Cole (r).

11.15 Claire Rayner's Casebook. The problem page lady talks to homosexuals.

11.40 Late Night in Concert. Elkie Brooks at the New Theatre, Hull.

12.05 Weather.

TV-am

6.25 Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen. News with Jayne Irving at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 6.38 and 7.37; exercises at 6.46 and 9.20; the day's anniversaries at 6.51; pop at 7.54; children's choir at 8.22; video report at 8.34; Rustie Lee's Christmas cooking at 9.06.

ITV/LONDON

9.25 Thames news headlines followed by **Sesame Street 10.25 The Moomins** (r) **10.30 Hold Tight!** with Bob Carolgees and Sue Robbie. Inter-school quiz and pop music from Savage Progress and King Kurt.

10.50 Time to Time. John Huntley takes a journey back in time to find out what life was like for our ancestors **11.10 On Safari** with Christopher Biggins **11.35 Razzmatazz.**

12.00 Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends. Ringo Starr with more tales from the pen of the Rev Awdry **12.10 Rainbow.** Learning with puppets (r) **12.30 The Sullivans.**

1.00 News at One includes Mr Tebbitt's first television interview since the Brighton bombing (repeated in today's other ITN news bulletins). **1.20** Thames news.

1.30 Jemima Shore Investigates a Greek shipping millionaire (r).

2.30 Daytime. Sarah Kennedy chairs a studio discussion on a matter of topical importance **3.00 University Challenge.** The second semi-final – Birkbeck College, London meet the University of St Andrews **3.25** Thames news headlines **3.30 The Young Doctors.**

4.00 Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends. A repeat of the programme shown at noon **4.15 Wil Cwac Cwac.** Adventures of a naughty duck **4.20 How Dare You!** presented by Carrie Gray and Cheryl Baker **4.45 CBTV.** News, views, ideas and interviews for young people. **5.15 Emmerdale Farm.**

5.45 News 6.00 Thames news.

6.20 Help! Viv Taylor Gee with news of the Home Farm Trust's Milton Heights, a home for 33 mentally handicapped persons near Abingdon in Oxfordshire.

6.30 Crossroads.

6.55 Reporting London presented by Michael Barratt. Bill Wigmore reports on the possible crisis facing the travel industry and investigates whether or not tourists' holidays will be safe. On a seasonal note Graham Addicott visits Yattendon in Berkshire where more than a million Christmas trees are planted.

7.30 Give Us a Clue. Celebrity mime game. This week Una Stubbs' team is Isla Blair, Bella Emberg and Annie Ross; on Lionel Blair's side are Nicky Henson, Garfield Morgan and Ian Ogilvy.

8.00 Des O'Connor Tonight. Music and chat from the entertainer and his guests.

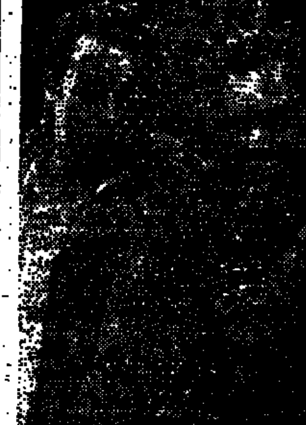
9.00 Taking the Lid Off. A harrowing subject for the week before Christmas – cruelty to children. A film that examines whether or not children ever recover mentally from this type of rejection and how they come to terms with their pain (see Choice).

10.00 News at Ten.

10.30 Film: Enter the Dragon (1973) starring Bruce Lee, John Saxon and Ahna Capri. Martial arts adventure with Lee as a British agent helping to break up an opium and prostitution ring in the Far East. Directed by Robert Clouse.

12.20 Night Thoughts.

● On Saturday: Your complete guide to films on television during Christmas week



Michael N Harbour and Daniel Webb (BBC1, 9.25pm)

CHOICE

● TAKING THE LID OFF (ITV, 9.00pm). Nigel Evans's film about abused children who become the responsibility of a loving and caring society after rejection by an unloving and uncaring family, describes the first difficult steps that both children and surrogate parents have to take on the road back to acceptance and to something akin to normality. There is one profoundly difficult lesson that has to be learnt en route: the victims have a right to their anger, but not to their bitterness. The games we see them play, with candles (hope) and jugs of water (love), are not the games you will see being played in too many homes this Christmas.

● MORE LIVES THAN ONE (BBC 1, 9.25pm), a play about homosexuality, sails against the tide because, in an era when sexual aberration increasingly gains respectability through acts of public confession, John Peacock's play harks back to the days of closed minds and hopelessness. "I just want to be accepted as an ordinary man", says the homosexual to his first extra-marital lover. "With a personality defect", is the lover's dampening reminder. This play, short on prurience and long on anguish, is scornful of the tactics of police snoopers who drill holes in the ceilings of public conveniences. It does, in these violent times, seem an awful waste of manpower and surveillance equipment. But until the law is changed, it is a highly effective way of preventing a private indulgence from degenerating into a public nuisance.

● Dame Wendy Hiller's memories of her theatrical and personal association with G B S (Radio 4, 4.00pm) are among the most revealing reminiscences about the writer that I have ever heard on radio. Dame Wendy is, of course, strategically placed within the Shavian environment. She was Shaw's choice for Eliza in the film of *Pygmalion;* she was the target for his characteristic rebuke because of what he called her cataleptic approach to St Joan at the Malvern Festival, and she had the audacity to retaliate by telling the master that he, too, had got the character of the Maid all wrong. Her recollection about her final visit to the aged and bereaved Shaw is intensely moving. And immensely detailed, even to the sun that seemed to shine through his good-bye waving hand.

Peter Davalle

BBC 2

9.00 Ceefax

3.50 Backstairs at the White House. Part two of the drama series about the lives of Presidents of the United States as seen through the eyes of a mother and her daughter who served in the White House for 52 years. With Ed Flanders as Calvin Coolidge and Larry Gates as Herbert Hoover (r).

5.20 Open to Question. Eighty Scots teenagers grill the comedian, Billy Connolly.

6.00 The Rockford Files. Legacies of the Vietnam War come out into the open as the private detective investigates the disappearance of a Vietnam immigrant. Jim uncovers a kidnap plot and learns of stolen GI payroll money (r).

6.50 Lost Souls. Charles Bowman is guided by writer Anthony Burton over a five-mile walk through unknown (to Bowman) terrain. From the clues to his whereabouts given by Burton and from his own knowledge of the countryside, will Bowman discover his location?

7.15 The First Noels. The second of seven programmes tracing the history of carols examines the early nativity carols, with assistance from the William Byrd Choir and the Belgrade Theatre Company, Coventry. Presented by Sir Geraint Evans.

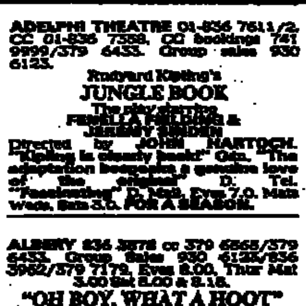
7.30 Whistle Test includes film of the Thompson Twins recording their new album in Paris; John Peel at Radio 1's Maida Vale studios; a studio performance by Lou Reed; and the Penguin Cafe Orchestra. Plus a vintage performance by David Bowie.

8.30 Film: Tommy (1975) starring Oliver Reed, Ann-Margaret, Roger Daltrey, Elton John and The Who. A rock opera by Pete Townshend about a pinball wizard. Written and directed by Ken Russell.

10.15 Christmas on Two. A preview of the programmes to be seen on this channel over the Christmas and New Year period.

10.25 Newsnight.

11.10 Buongiorno Italia! The penultimate lesson of the 20-part Italian conversation course for beginners, with Lilly Lembo Lambert and Enrico Verdecchia who, this evening, tour Etruria and around Lake Bolsena. Ends at 11.40.



Wendy Hiller: Radio 4, 4.00

CHANNEL 4

2.30 Film: Jewel Robbery* (1932) starring William Powell and Kay Francis. Love story about a suave jewel thief who begins a romance with a beautiful baroness after stealing a ring from her in a Viennese jewellers. Directed by William Dieterle.

3.45 Years Ahead. Magazine programme for the older viewer, presented by Robert Dougall. Today's edition includes items on the attraction of ice skating; gobbledegook; Silver Wings, a variety group consisting of members over 60-years-old, and Violet Minell who has worked for a military tailor for 60 years: plus the odd odes winners and archive film of Prince Charles' christening cake.

4.30 Countdown. The last quarter-final of the words and numbers game.

5.00 The Human Jungle: The Quick and the Dead.* Distinguished psychiatrist, Roger Corder (Herbert Lom), has on his couch this week a motor racing driver who is obsessive about winning but finds that the nightmares he endures are affecting his waking life. With Robert Beatty and Richard Johnson.

6.00 The Avengers.* Steed and Mrs Peel, on the trail of a particularly baffling series of murders, follow clues that lead to the Togetherness Marriage Bureau. When Steed poses as a client he discovers the business is a front for one of a more sinister nature.

7.00 Channel Four News.

7.50 Comment. With his view on a matter of topical importance is Terry Sanderson, a gay 'agony aunt' on a woman's magazine.

8.00 Brookside. Terry is jealous as Michelle prepares herself for a night out while the glamourous Janet Hanson discusses with Bobby a case of sexual harrassment.

8.30 4 What It's Worth. Consummer affairs programme presented by Penny Junor. John Stoneborough unearths the promotors of a rip-off competition; Bill Breckon investigates the threat facing local Trading Standards Officers; and David Stafford discovers the best supermarket champagne and sparkling wine.

9.00 Film: A Christmas Without Snow (1980) starring John Houseman. A made-for-television drama about a stern choirmaster rehearsing his charges for a Christmas performance. This is the framework for a character study of various members of the choir. Directed by John Korty.

10.50 Here and Now on Four. The celebrated sarod player, Amjad Khan, in concert.

11.45 Tennis: The Davis Cup Final. Highlights of the matches and moments that won or lost the Cup for Sweden or the United States.

12.45 Closedown.

Radio 4

On long wave. †Stereo on VHF.

5.55 Shipping. **6.00** News Briefing; Weather. **6.10** Farming Today. **6.25** Prayer for the Day.
6.30 Today, including 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News summary. 6.55, 7.55 Weather. 7.00, 8.00 News. 7.25, 8.25 Sport. 7.45 Thought for the Day. 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament. 8.57 Weather; Travel.
9.00 News.
9.05 Tuesday Call: 01-580 4411 – Writing. Listeners can question Lord Willis and Carmen Callil, a publisher.
10.00 News; From Our Own Correspondent.
10.30 Morning Story: 'It Came out of a Cracker' written and read by Charlie Chester.
10.45 Daily Service Advent Calender: Daniel in the Lions' Den.†
11.00 News; Travel; Thirty-Minute Theatre 'Teddy's Bear's Picnic' by Paul King. With Norman Rodway. A story of robots who try to establish a new regime in a playroom.
11.33 Wildlife.
12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer affairs.
12.27 My Word! Dilys Powell and Frank Muir challenge Antonia Fraser and Denis Norden. The chairman: Michael O'Donnell 12.55 Weather.
1.00 The World at One: News.
1.40 The Archers 1.55 Shipping Forecast.
2.00 News; Woman's Hour Today's edition includes Penny Searley on Christmas folk customs that have survived the passing of the years. And Martin Muncaster reads part one of Lawrence Durrell's Sketches from Diplomatic Life.
3.00 The Afternoon Play: A Few Kind Words, by Rib Davis. With Emrys James and Patricia Gallimore. The story of a Derbyshire miner who asks his daughter to do something very special for him just to show that she is one of the family.†
4.00 News; Dame Wendy Hiller talks to Martin Jenkins about her early days in the theatre. (See Choice.)†
4.40 Story Time: 'The Woman in Black'. A ghost story by Susan Hill. Abridged in eight parts (7). Read by Alan Dudley.
5.00 PM: News Magazine. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather.
6.00 The Six O'clock News; Financial Report.
6.30 Anything Legal. Comedy series starring Donald Hewlett and Michael Knowles in 'A Tale of Two City Gents'.†
7.00 News.
7.05 The Archers.
7.20 File On 4. Last programme in the series that examines major issues at home and abroad.
8.00 Medicine Now. Geoff Watts reports on the health of medical care.
8.30 An Evening with Mrs Thrale adapted from 'A Heart Unsatisfied' by Michael Justin Davies. Anna Massey plays Mrs Thrale, Dr Johnson's close friend.
9.00 In Touch. News, views and information for people with a visual handicap.
9.30 The Family Abroad, last of five programmes. – 'Letter from Tokyo'. With William Horsley, the BBC's correspondent in Japan.
9.45 Kaleidoscope. Includes comment on Coriolanus at the Olivier Theatre.
10.15 A Book at Bedtime: 'Just Resting' by Leon McKern. The actor reads eight extracts from his recently published autobiography. (2) 10.30 The World Tonight, including. 11.00 Headlines.
11.15 The Financial World Tonight.
11.30 Today in Parliament.
12.00 News; Weather. 12.33 Shipping.

VHF (available in England and S. Wales only) Radio 4 vhf is as above, except: 5.55-6.00am Weather; Travel. 1.55-2.00pm Listening Corner. 5.50-5.55 PM (continued) 11.00-11.30 Study On 4: The Chip Shop with Barry Norman.†

Radio 3

6.55 Weather. **7.00** News.
7.05 Morning Concert: Walton's Coronation March: Crown Imperial; Franck's Symphonic Variations (Alicia De Larrocha, piano); Scarlatti's (arranged Shostakovich) Pastorale and Capriccio; Bloch's Concerto Grosso No 2 for strings.†8.00 News.
8.05 Morning Concert (contd.): Ravel's Violin Sonata (Dumay/Collard); Gershwin's The Man I Love; Nobody but you; Do it again: 'S/wonderful (Watts, piano): Richard Rodney Bennett's Tuesday's Child (Jazz Calendar); Weill's Und was bekam des Soldaten Weib? (Stratas, soprano); Stravinsky's Scenes de ballet.†9.00 News.
9.05 This Week's Composer: Bizet. Te Deum (Greenberg/Winbergh/Suisse Romande); and Roma (City of Birminghan SO under Fremeaux.†
10.00 Lipinski: Igor Iwanow with Warsaw PO play the Violin Concerto No 2.†
10.30 Brahms Choral Music: BBC Singers, Julian Baker (horn), Philip Eastop (horn) and Thelma Owen (harp). Includes Three Motets Op 110; and Two Motets, Op 74.†
11.15 Delmé String Quartet: Ravel's String Quartet in F; Bridge's Three Novelleten, 1904; and his Sir Roger de Coverley.†
12.10 Midday Concert: part one. BBC Scottish SO (under Seaman). With Mayumi Fujikawa (violin). Elgar's overture Froissart; and Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto.†1.00 News.
1.05 Concert (contd.): Brahms's Symphony No 2.†
1.50 Guitar Encores: Hubert Kappel plays works by David Kellner and Rodrigo (Invocation and Dance).†
2.10 Alfred Brendel: works for piano. Bach's Italian Concerto; Liszt's Valse Oubliée No 1: Mozart's Piano Concerto No 12 (with Chicago SO); Liszt's Unstern: Bach's Chromatic Fantasy and Fugue; Mozart's Piano Concerto No 9 (with Chicago SO).†
4.00 Capricorn: The ensemble play Arensky's Piano Trio in D minor Op 32; and Glinka's Grand Sextet in E flat.†4.55 News.
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: another of Jeremy Siepmann's selections.
6.30 Bull Virginal Music: Robert Woolley plays on a Thomas White virginal of 1642. The works include Ionic Alman; and Walsingham Variations.†
7.05 Smetena: Dresden State Orchestra under Berglund play Sarka: From Bohemia's Woods and Fields (Ma Vlast).†
7.30 Irmelin: Delius's three-act opera. The first broadcast of the work for 30 years. BBC Singers and Concert Orchestra are under Norman Del Mar, with soloists including Eilene Hannan (title role), Ann Howard, Michael Rippon and John Mitchinson. Acts one and two.†
8.40 A Memorable Scene: Tom Fleming reads Thomas Carlyle's account of the Fall of the Bastille.
9.00 Irmelin: the third act.†
10.00 Jazz Today: Charles Fox presents the Henry Lowther Octet.†
11.00 Mendelssohn and Beethoven: Haydn Trio of Vienna play Beethoven's Piano Trio in D Op 70 No 1 (The Ghost), and Mendelssohn's Piano Trio in C minor Op 66.†
11.57 News. Until 12.00.

Radio 2

On medium wave. †Also VHF stereo. News on the hour. Headlines 5.30am, 6.30, 7.30 and 8.30.
4.00 Colin Berry.† 5.30 Ray Moore.† 7.30 Terry Wogan †including 8.31 Racing. 10.00 Jimmy Young.† 12.00pm Steve Jones †incl. 1.05 Sports Desk. 2.00 Gloria Hunniford †incl. 2.02, 3.02 Sports Desks. 3.30 Music All The Way.† 4.00 David Hamilton †incl. 4.02, 5.05 Sports Desk. 6.00 John Dunn †incl. 6.02 Sports Desk 6.30 The Fosdyke Saga (23) 6.45 Sports and Classified Results (mf) only. 8.00 The American Popular Song (9): Face the Music.† 9.00 Nordring Festival. International Music Festival recorded in the Tivoli Gardens Concert Hall, Copenhagen. †9.55 Sports Desk. 10.00 Where Were You in 52?. Introduced by Nigel Rees. Guests are Jenny Hanley, Frank Ifield, Roy Hudd and June Whitfield. 10.30 Rolf's Walkabout. The people of Little Houghton play host to Rolf Harris and his company of musicians. 11.00 Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight (stereo from midnight). 1.00am Nightride.† 3.00-4.00 Night Owls.†

Radio 1

On medium wave. †Also VHF stereo. News on the half hour from 6.30am until 9.30pm and at 12 midnight.
6.00am Adrian John. 7.00 Mike Read. 9.00 Simon Bates. 12.00pm Gary Davies incl. 12.30 Newsbeat. 2.30 Steve Wright. 5.00 Bruno Brookes incl. 5.30 Newsbeat. 7.30 Janice Long. 10.00-12.00am John Peel.† VHF Radios 1 & 2 4.00am With Radio 2. 10.00pm With Radio 1. 12.00-4.00am With Radio 2.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk. 7.00 World News. 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 7.30 Sweet Soul Music 7.45 Network UK. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 The Art of Gerald Moore. 8.30 Hollywood's Oscar Nights. 9.00 World News. 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 The World Today. 9.30 Financial News. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 What's New. 10.00 News Summary. 10.01 Discovery. 10.30 Wives And Daughters. 11.00 World News. 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 Letter from London. 12.00 Radio Newsreel. 12.15 William Revisited. 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1.00 World News. 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 1.30 Network UK. 1.45 Recording Of The Week. 2.00 Outlook. 2.45 Places Of Hope. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 A Jolly Good Show. 4.00 World News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 Omnibus. 4.45 The World Today. 5.00 World News. 5.09 Meridian. 8.00 World News. 9.15 Concert Hall. 10.00 World News. 10.09 The World Today. 10.25 Scotland This Week. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 World News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 Singers Of Schubert. 11.30 Meridian. 12.00 World News. 12.09 News About Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Omnibus. 1.00 News Summary. 1.01 Outlook. 1.30 Report On Religion. 1.45 Country Music Profile. 2.00 World News. 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 Singers Of Schubert. 2.30 Wives and Daughters. 3.00 World News. 3.09 News About Britain. 3.15 The World Today. 3.30 Discovery. 4.00 Newsdesk. 4.30 Waveguide. 5.45 The World Today.

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FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m; 1089kHz/275m; **Radio 2:** 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m; **Radio 3:** 1215kHz/247m: VHF -90-92.5; **Radio 4:** 200kHz 1500m: VHF -92-95; **LBC** 1152kHz/261m; VHF 97.3; **Capital:** 1548kHz/194m: VHF 95.8; **BBC Radio London** 1458kHz/206m: VHF 94.9; **World Service** MF 648kHz/463m.

BBC 1 Wales: 12.57pm-1.00 News of Wales Headlines. 3.48-3.50 News of Wales Headlines. 5.10-5.35 Gloria. 5.35-5.58 Wales Today. 6.30-6.55 Grange Hill. 10.45-11.35 Music Makers. 11.35-12.00 Claire Rayner's Casebook. (Homosexuality). 12.00-12.05am News. **Scotland:** 12.57pm-1.00 The Scottish News. 6.30-6.55 Reporting Scotland. 10.45-11.15 Knee-deep in Claret. 12.05pm-12.10 News and weather. **Northern Ireland:** 12.57pm-1.00 Northern Ireland News. 3.48-3.50 Northern Ireland News. 6.30-6.55 Inside Ulster. 10.45-11.15 Gallery: Wall Painting. 12.05pm-12.10 News and weather. **England:** 6.30pm-6.55 Regional news magazines. 10.45-11.15 East – Spectrum. Midlands – The Truth about Christmas. North – York Minster. North-East – Words, Music and Christmas. North-West – Families United. South – Tanks on our Doorstep. South-West – Spotlight Review of the Year. West – And It's Chardstock to Bat.

S4C Starts 1.00pm Countdown. 1.30 Alice. 2.00 Ffalabalam. 2.15 Interval. 2.55 Film: Road Show. Hal Roach comedy. 4.30 Ffalabalam. 4.45 SuperTed. 4.55 Bildowcar. 5.25 Project UFO. 6.20 Y Nadolig Hwnnw. 6.30 Larwm. 7.00 Newddion Saith. 7.30 Jambo Bwana. 8.05 St Elsewhere. 9.05 Byw Yn Rhydd. 10.55 Muck and Brass. 11.55 British Council: Have Culture – Will Travel. 12.50am Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except. 10.25am Profiles in Rock. 1.20pm-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters. 6.00 News. 6.02 Crossroads. 6.25 Northern Life. 7.00-7.30 Emmerdale Farm. 12.25am Signs of Christmas, closedown.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

HTV WEST As London except: 10.30am The Star of Bethlehem. 10.35 Sinbad Voyage. 11.20 Serpent River Paddlers. 11.30-12.00 Home. 1.20pm-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters. 6.00 News. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00-7.35 Emmerdale Farm. 12.25am Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 6.00pm-6.35 Wales at Six.

TSW As London except: 10.25am Eye of the Storm. 11.15 Skinny Skiing. 11.30 Miracle of Glass. 11.55-12.00 Star of Bethlehem. 12.30-1.00 Portrait of a Legend. 1.20-1.30 News. 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters. 5.15 Gus Honeybun. 5.20-5.45 Crossroads. 6.00 Today South West. 6.30 Robinson Country. 7.00-7.30 Comedians. 12.25am Postscript, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 10.25am Flora and Fauna 10.40 Short Stories 11.05 Snow White Christmas 11.55-12.00 Star of Bethlehem 12.30-1.00 Calendar at Christmas 1.20-1.30 News 3.30-4.00 Country Practice 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters 6.00 Calendar 6.35 Crossroads 7.00-7.30 Emmerdale Farm 12.25am Closedown.

ANGLIA As London except: 10.25am Country Rhapsody 10.40 Sport Billy Special 11.55-12.00 Wattoo, Wattoo 12.30pm-1.00 Gardens For All 1.20-1.30 News 6.00 About Anglia 7.00-7.30 Bygones 12.25am What Christmas Means to Me, Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: 10.25am Amazing Years of Cinema. 10.55 Cartoon. 11.05 Snow White Christmas. 11.55-12.00 Star of Bethlehem. 1.20pm-1.30 Lunchtime. 3.30-4.00 Survival. 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters. 6.00 Good Evening Ulster. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00-7.30 Emmerdale Farm. 10.30 Hopeful Word. 10.40 Film: Enter the Dragon (Bruce Lee). 12.25am News, closedown.

BORDER As London except: 10.25am Sport Billy. 10.50 Poseidon Files. 11.35-12.00 Once Upon A Time . . . Man. 1.20pm-1.30 News. 3.30-4.00 Short Story Theatre. 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters. 6.00 Lookaround. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00-7.30 Emmerdale Farm. 12.25am Star of Bethlehem. 12.30 News, Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 10.25am Matt and Jenny 10.45 Sport Billy 11.05 Nutcracker 11.30-12.00 Family Circus Christmas 1.20pm-1.30 Granada Reports 3.30-4.00 Three Little Words 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters 6.00 This is Your Right 6.05 Crossroads 6.30 Granada Reports 7.00-7.30 Emmerdale Farm 12.30am Closedown.

SCOTTISH As London except: 10.25am Tarzan 11.15 Gulliver 11.45-12.00 Harlem Globetrotters 12.30pm-1.00 Gardening Time 1.20-1.30 News 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 6.00 News and Scotland Today 6.35 Crossroads 7.00-7.30 Take the High Road 12.25am Late Call, Closedown.

TVS As London except: 10.25am Fabulous Funnies. 10.55 Tales of Pom Pom. 11.00 Little Rascals' Christmas Special. 11.30-12.00 Orphans of the Wild. 1.20pm News. 1.30-2.30 Country Practice. 3.00 Comedians. 3.30-4.00 University Challenge. 5.15-5.45 Sons and Daughters. 6.00 Coast To Coast. 6.25 Police 5. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00-7.30 Emmerdale Farm. 10.30 Star of Bethlehem. 10.35 Film: Enter the Dragon. 12.30am Company, Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 10.25am Living Land. 11.20 Greatest Thinkers. 11.50-12.00 Cartoon. 12.30pm Gardening Time. 1.20-1.30 News. 6.00 North Tonight. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00-7.30 Diff'rent Strokes. 12.25am News, Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 9.25am Once Upon a Time . . . Man. 9.50 Falcon Island. 10.15 Wingalongamax. 10.40 First Winter. 11.10-12.00 Tarzan. 12.30pm-1.00 Gardening Time. 1.20-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters. 6.00 Crossroads. 6.25 News. 7.00-7.30 Emmerdale Farm. 12.30am Closedown.

CHANNEL As London except: 9.25am Chips. 10.20 Island Wildlife. 11.15 Short Stay. 11.45-12.00 World's Children. 12.30pm-1.00 Portrait of a Legend. 1.20-1.30 News. 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters. 5.15-5.45 Flying Kiwi. 6.00 Channel Report. 6.30 The Chat Show. 7.00-7.30 The Comedians. 12.25am Closedown.

WHAT THE SYMBOLS MEAN
† Stereo. ★ Black and white. (r) Repeat

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Rebuke for MP over IRA visit

By Philip Webster
Political Reporter

Mr Jeremy Corbyn, Labour MP for Islington, North, was reprimanded by the Labour chief whip yesterday for arranging a Commons visit for two convicted terrorists – but then said he would be prepared to do the same again.

Mr Corbyn was told by Mr Michael Cocks during a 3-minute meeting and that the timing and location of the visit by Linday Quigley and Gerald McLoughlin, less than two weeks after the Brighton bombing, was unfortunate.

MPs had jealously guarded rights, but those rights also carried responsibilities, to their constituents, the general public and their fellow MPs.

He said before the meeting: "I shall be telling Mr Corbyn that whatevr the purpose of this visit in the present climate of opinion this action must be regarded as thoughtlessness of the highest order.

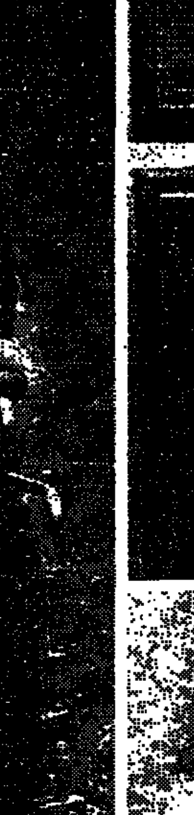
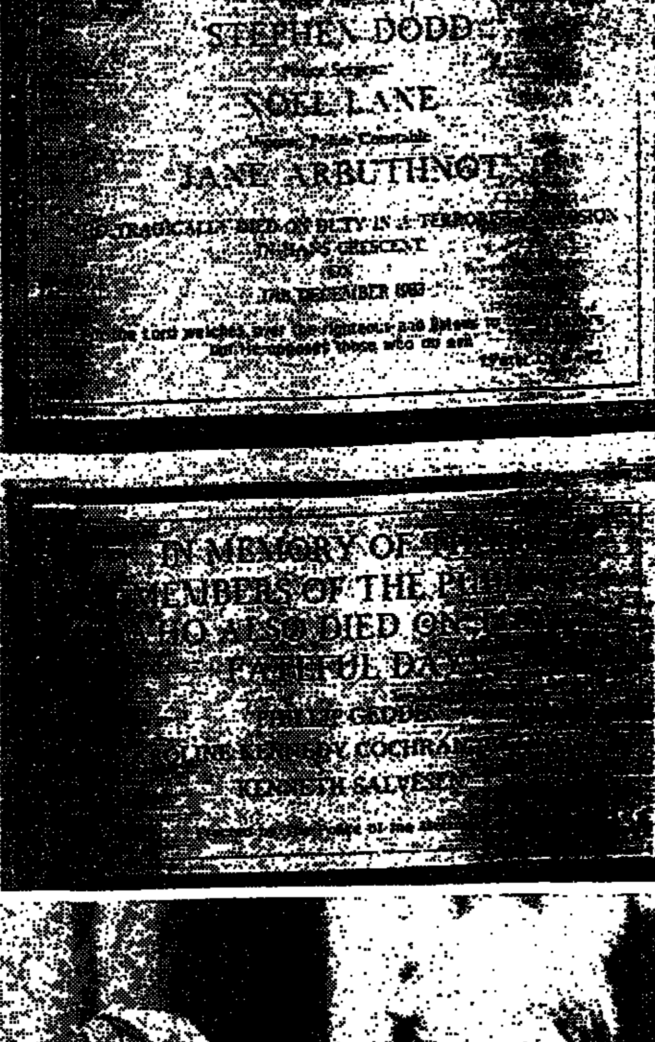
"It is particularly unfortunate, I shall say to him, that all this publicity has broken on the anniversary of the dreadful Harrods outrage.

But Mr Corbyn emerged unrepentant. "I made it clear to Mr Cocks that I believe any MP who wishes to meet people who have points of view to raise from anywhere must have the right and freedom to do that, and that I would, in those circumstances, be prepared meet them again," he said.

His response showed the limits of the chief whip's powers in dealing with any backbencher he considers to be out of line: a frontbencher can at least be relieved of his post. Short of withdrawing the Labour whip from Mr Corbyn – which some Conservative MPs were demanding yesterday – Mr Cocks can only exhort. Denial of the whip would not prevent an MP from bringing guests to the Commons.

Mr Corbyn said the two ex-prisoners had come to the Commons to raise the issue of strip searches. During the last two months Linda Quigley had discussed the issue with about 20 MPs.

Mr John Hume, MP, confirmed last night that he briefly met Ms Quigley and Mr McLoughlin in the Commons, but knew nothing about their previous history.



In memoriam: Police Constable *John Gordon (above), who lost* both his legs and part of a hand in the Harrods bombing which killed six people a year ago, arriving at a memorial service for the victims at St Luke's Church, Chelsea, London.

The parents (right) of Woman Police Constable Jane Arbuthnot, who died in the explosion, also attended the service, with 500 others including Sir Kenneth Newman, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, and Mr Denis Thatcher.

After the church service, Sir Kenneth unveiled a plaque at Chelsea police station (above right) commemorating those who died.

***Photographs: Chris Harris* and Bill Warhurst**

Arts buying power cut by £1.2m

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In return, the museums and galleries lose £1.2 million, nearly 13 per cent, from their purchase grants, and funds for the National Heritage Memorial Fund and the level of acceptances of arts works against tax are being frozen at their existing levels.

Sir Michael Levey, the director of the National Gallery, said "I am appalled and gravely perturbed by the implications of the minster's decision which can do nothing but restrict the National Gallery's activities and services to the public.

"The total purchase grant which has to last into 1986 no longer represents the open market valuation of just one Old Master. A cut of such magnitude is unprecedented in recent years."

Sir David Wilson, director of the British Museum, said: "We are taken aback by this figure which represents a reduction of some 15 per cent when we had asked for an increase of 25 per cent. We feel it is very sad in the present circumstances when so many things are appearing on the market, some of which are heritage items that we cannot meet out obligations."

In the museums and galleries field, Lord Gowrie said that he faced a choice between acquisition and the conservation of existing displays. He hoped that purchase grants could be restored "bit by bit" in future years, and he was also working on new taxaon arrangements which would attempt to persuade people to keep works of art instead of putting them on the market. But Lord Gowrie ruled out any tightening of export rules to account for the increasing inability of British institutions to bid for works of art in competition with foreign buyers.

Letter from Rothenburg

Fairyland citadel, frozen in time

Any child would believe the toymaker really does live in one of the fifteenth century gabled houses on the market square. No wonder the makers of *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* chose this quaint medieval town for their make-believe kingdom: the former free imperial city in the rich farmland of Bavaria seems hardly changed since the turbulent days of the Thirty Years War when its mighty fortifications were no match for the besieging Catholic army.

Rothenburg is a natural film set, one of the most perfectly preserved jewels of medieval architecture, which by a miracle escaped the destruction which levelled other mightier cities. Never does this jewel shimmer with such sparkle as in the frosty three weeks before Christmas, when the jingle of horse-drawn carriages along the twisted, cobbled streets is matched by the jangle in the tills as tourists come from all over the world to throng the open-air Christmas fair, watch the lantern-lit processions and listen to the wassailing in the soaring Gothic churches.

With 6,000 inhabitants in the fifteenth century, Rothenburg was a rich and influential trading centre, whose wealthy citizens built fine monuments to their piety and prosperity. Perhaps ti was the walls which kept it safe: huge stone bulwarks entirely surround it still, allowing access only over drawbridges, under portcullises and through stout wooden gates.

Many was the time when marauding enemies laid waste everything outside. Twice the town was saved from almost certain obliteration: once in 1631, when the Catholic forces laid seige to what was then a Protestant stronghold in the bitter Thirty Years War. When Rothenburg finally fell, the Catholic commander offered to spare it if any councillor could be found to drink seven pints of local wine from a huge tankard at one draught. One Geoge Nusch, with a prodigious capacity for liquor, came forward and downed the lot. His legendary "master drink" has been performed as a Whitsuntide pageant every year since 1881.

The other man honoured in the town's memory is John McCloy, an American Assistant Secretary of War in 1943. *As the allied forces swept into* Bavaria, the Americans were ready to smash into the city, held by the SS. John McCloy had been there and knew it had to be saved for posterity. He negotiated a surrender.

Americans, many from military bases near by, are among the foreigners thronging the Christmas grottos created in the thriving shops which hide behind the fifteenth century facades. In the *fairyland of festive glitter and* glass, overpriced Christmas angels and traditional baubles are scooped up by the basketful.

Tourists seeking more spiritual inspiration flock to St Jacob's Church to gaze at the exquisite wooden altar by Tilman Riemenschneider, Germany's great medieval master carver.

Rothenburg really experienced its heyday around 1400, and since the seventeenth century has been of no economic importance. This is why the entire walled centre has remained frozen in time, free of modern buildings to jar against the beauty of the wooden beamed houses, the galleried courtyards and ancient stone towers – floodlit, of course, for the winter season.

Lest anyone think that life was idyllic in the old days, the town has a unique and chilling museum of crime and medieval punishment. On display here are the iron head clamps for gossips, ducking stools to half drown suspected witches, thumbscrews, instruments for plucking out eyes and tongues, and all those fearsome tools of repression of yesteryear.

Things are kindlier now. The past Rothenburg seeks to conjure up is one of beauty and serenity: Christmas concerts and serenades, children's theatres, torchlight processions and re-enactments of inspections by ancient watchmen. No expence has been spared to restore every building to a better than original state.

A motorway brings the Mercedes and Audis, the sleek transport of today's visitors, almost up to the walls and turrets which have stood here since 1200. Too much of Germany has been destroyed, particularly in the apocalypse of the Second World War. What remains is cherished with especial pride.

Michael Binyon

Flight to certain death from Ethiopia to Sudan

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wood in the shape of a crucifix, smothered in dirty blankets, those suffering from dysentery and malaria are laid on the dust under a curtain of flies and beneath a torn canvas roof. The few doctors there fear that hundreds of children could die in the coming weeks if the measles epidemic is not stamped out.

Many ot those walking out of the desert carry with them the first signs of malnutrition but they are not starving, mainly because the Tigré People's Liberation Front, the guerrilla army that controls the Province of Tigré from which almost all the famine victims have come, is sending 14 lorry-loads of food into rebel-held Ethiopia every day.

In two's and threes, the refugees appear through the early heat haze, the dust rising around them. Behind them are the destitute from Tigré, divided up according to their villages, a column of misery and exhaustion led by priests holding heavy wooden crosses.

If there is something almost indescribably haunting about this panaroma, however, there can be no more desperate sight than the sheer inadequacy of the help being offered them in Sudan. UN High Commissioner for Refugees, in theory the supreme coordinating body for refugee assistance, is being accused privately by aid workers of underestimating the tragedy, setting up facilities last month for only 5,000 people rather than the 250,000 that may soon be outside Kassala.

A convoy of 13 UNHCR lorries freighted just over 400 refugees to Sudanese settlements on Asturday but with 3,000 more victims arriving every day, these efforts are almost negligible.

There is no shortage of 'consultants' *from international* aid organizations – at least one is from Britain – but they are working to estimate the needs of the refugees in the future while today's needs are not being met now. Aid officials in Kassala, a city itself experiencing the second year of a severe drought, suspect that individual Sudanese merchants are hoarding food to sell at a high price when the emergency grows even more critical.

In Kassala, no one knows exactly how much food is still available for the famine victims nor how much grain is on its way. All of which presages little hope for the mountain people of Toklabab.

Chernenko pledge, page 6

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements

The Queen visits the RIBA's exhibition "The Art of the Architect": Treasures from the Royal Institute of British Architects Collection, 66 Portland Place, to mark their Sesquicentenary, 3.

The Prince of Wales opens a manufacturing plant of Wang (UK), Hillfoots Rd, Stirling, 10.15; and later, as President, the Royal Jubilee and Prince's Trusts, visits the premises of recipients of Youth Business Initiative bursaries, arriving in Glasgow, 2.10; and later, attends a concert by Spandau Ballet, Inglistone Hall, Edinburgh, 7.15.

The Duchess of Kent, as patron, attends the 'Not Forgotten' Association's Christmas party, Royal Mews, Buckingham Palace, 3.

The Duke and Duchess of Kent attend a Christmas celebration, Westminster Cathedral, 7.

New Exhibitions

Sculpture by Hebe Comerford: **Bolton Museum and Art Gallery**, Le Mans Crescent; Mon to Fri 9.30 to 5.30, closed Weds and Sun; (ends Jan 19).

Exhibitions in progress

Archives for the Future: **Stafford** Art Gallery, The Green; Tues to Fri 10 to 5, Sat 10 to 4; (ends Jan 19).

Contemporary Art by The Society of Scottish Artists, Collins Gallery, Strathclyde University, 22 Richmond St, Glasgow; Mon to Fri 10 to 5, Sat 12 to 4; (ends Jan 8).

Elements of Nature: pictures of earth, air and water: Elizabethan Exhibition Gallery, Brook St, **Wakefield**; Mon to Sat 10.30 to 12.30 and 1.30 to 5; (ends Dec 22).

Engravings and lithographs by Walter Francis Tiffin, Salisbury and South Wiltshire Museum, The King's House, 65 The Close, **Salisbury**; Mon to Sat 10 to 4; (ends Mar 2).

Photographs by Annie Iebovitz: Stills Gallery, 105 High St, **Edinburgh**; Tues to Sat 12.30 to 6; (ends Jan 19).

Paintings by Helen Pollock: MacLaurin Art Gallery, Rozelle Park, **Ayr**, Mon to Sat 11 to 5 (ends Dec 21).

Last chance to see

Fur and Feather: *Wildlife paintings*, etchings, engraved glass and ceramic sculpture: Yew Tree Gallery, The Square, Ellastone, Ashbourne, Derbyshire; 10 to 6.

Christmas music

Concert by the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra: The Guildhall, **Southampton**, 8.

Concert by the St David's Metropolitan Cathedral Choir, 1.05; and concert by the Orchestra and Chorus of the Welsh National Opera, 7.30; St David's Hall, **Cardiff**.

Handel's *Messiah* by the Birmingham Symphony Orchestra and City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra and City of Birmingham Choir: Town Hall, **Birmingham**, 7.

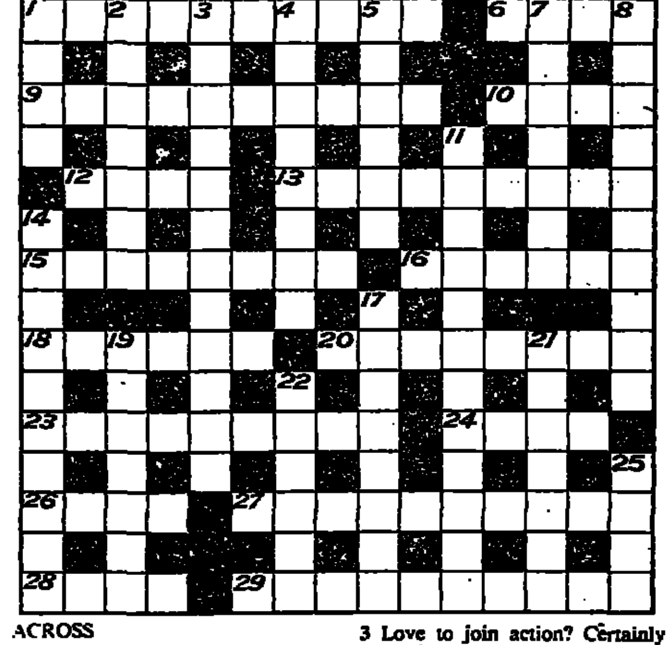
Christmas concert by the Northern Chamber Orchestra and Oriana Choir; St George's Church, High St, **Macclesfield**, 7.30.

Carol Service by St Michael's Bamford Church of England Primary School; St Michael's Church, **Heywood**, Lancs, 7.

Christmas concert with Harworth Organ Enthusiasts, Harworth Social Welfare Hall, Whitehouse Rd, Bircotes, **Doncaster**, 7.30.

Carol concert with the Norwich Citadel Band; St Andrew's Hall, **Norwich**, 7.30.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,614



ACROSS

1 Slightly mistimed call after break in fighting (7,3).
6 Promise there from the beginning, said St John (4).
9 Remove all trace of the sort of rite a religious goes about (10).
10 One may be running round garden, laughing (2-2).
12 Antipodean type of fruit plant (4).
13 Lively as third part of Holst's suite (9).
15 Receiver of property possibly sees gain in it (8).
16 Something tediously familiar for veteran bowler, perhaps (3,3).
18 Escort arranged for part of front (6).
20 Expert marksmanship of a certain kind (4-4).
23 Village of Gotham, or London borough (9).
24 Something that'll do for head, and point (4).
26 Alternate courses for food (4).
27 Firmness of purpose seen in decision (10).
28 Indeed, a table contains these (4).
29 How far does new order indicate what's ahead? (10).

DOWN

1 Arrest for completion of sentence, perhaps (4).
2 Writer Jane gave orders to (7).
3 Love to join action? Certainly not! (7,5).
4 Gave a plucky performance? (8).
5 Create disorder Micawber hoped for (6).
7 Friend's so-called prophetic book (7).
8 Inactive landlord's law not enforced (4,6).
11 Question initially this author's nom de plume (7-5).
14 Shared gift in a way that's prudent (3-7).
17 Increase urgency where presidents dominate the scene (8).
19 Result of crop sailors harvested (4,3).
21 Suggested naughty child copied Matilda (7).
22 Famous orator – one who freezes in company? (6).
25 English novelist appears in spots on TV (4).

Solution of Puzzle No 16,613

● **This year's Prize Jumbo Crossword with a £50 prize for the first five correct solutions and The Times Quiz – 108 taxing questions and a £250 first prize – will appear on Saturday, December 22; readers are advised to order *The Times* to ensure receiving a copy.**

CONCISE CROSSWORD PAGE 8

TV top ten

National top ten television programmes in the week ending December 9:

ITV

1 Coronation Street (Wed), Granada, 19.25m
2 Coronation Street (Mon), Granada, 18.90m
3 Name That Tune (Ex. Uts), Thames, 15.65m
4 The Benny Hill Show, Thames, 14.85m
5 The A-Team, ITV, 14.70m
5= Child's Play, LWT, 14.70m
7 Crossroads (Wed), Central, 14.65m
8 Tarby and Friends, LWT, 14.60m
9 Crossroads (Tue), Central, 14.45m
10 Crossroads (Thu), Central, 14.40m

BBC 1

1 Dallas, 14.00m
2 Tenko, 13.70m
3 Dynasty, 11.50m
4 The Late, Late Breakfast Show, 11.40m
5 The Miller Mood, 11.30m
6 News and Sport (Sat 21.10), 11.20m
7 The Secret Servant (Sat), 10.90m
8 Bankety Blank, 10.70m
9 The Intelligence Men, 10.45m
10 The Secret Servant (Thu), 10.30m

BBC 2

1 To the Manor Born, 6.45m
2 The New Statesmen, 5.55m
3 Forty Minutes, 4.65m
3= MASH, 4.65m
3= The Natural World, 4.65m
6 Entertainment USA, 4.55m
7 Nightwing, 4.30m
8 Devil's Avocate, 3.90
9 Food and Drink, 3.40m
10 Horizon, 3.30m

Channel 4

1 It's Never too Late, 7.70m
2 Brookside (Mon), 5.60m
3 The Two Worlds of Jenny Logan, 5.15m
4 Brookside (Tue), 4.85m
5 Hill Street Blues, 4.45m
6 Just Sex, 3.55m
7 St. Elsewhere, 3.00m
8 Gardeners' Calendar, 2.90m
9 Pushing up Daisies, 2.75m
9= American Football, 2.75m

Breakfast television: The average weekly figures for audiences at peak times (with figures in parenthesis showing the reach – the number of people who viewed for at least three minutes):
BBC1: *Breakfast Time*: Mon to Fri 1.5m (7.8m).
TV-am: *Good Morning Britain*: Mon to Fri 2.3m (10.2m); Sat 2.4m, Sun 1.7m (Sat or Sun 6.7m).
Broadcasters' Audience Research Board.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Estimates on industrial support.

Lords (2.30): Bankruptcy (Scotland) Bill, third reading. Elections (Northern Ireland) Bill, second reading.

Anniversaries

Births: **Sir Joseph Thomson**, physicist, Nobel laureate, 1906, Manchester, 1856; **Francis Thomson**, poet, author of *The Hound of Heaven*, Preston, 1859; **Paul Klee**, painter of abstracts, Müdenbuchsee, Switzerland, 1879.

Deaths: **Antonio Stradivari**, violin maker, Cremona (?), 1737; **Jean Baptiste de Lamarck**, biologist, Paris, 1829.

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	1.46	1.39
Austria Sch	26.80	25.50
Belgium Fr	77.00	73.00
Canada $	1.63	1.56
Denmark Kr	13.73	13.03
Finland Mrk	7.96	7.58
France Fr	11.70	11.15
Germany DM	3.82	3.64
Greece Dr	176.00	162.00
Hongkong $	9.70	9.10
Ireland Pt	1.233	1.173
Italy Lira	2340.00	2240.00
Japan Yen	305.00	293.00
Netherlands Gld	4.30	4.10
Norway Kr	11.08	10.53
Portugal Esc	207.00	197.00
South Africa Rd	2.36	2.20
Spain Pts	209.00	199.00
Sweden Kr	10.90	10.40
Switzerland Fr	3.15	3.00
USA $	1.235	1.185
Yugoslavia Dnr	308.00	288.00

Retail Price Index: 355.8.

London: *The FT* Index closed up 2.9 at 938.3.

Channel trips

Shoppers returning from cross-channel trips are reminded that they must declare any meat that they have bought abroad to Customs by going through the "red" channel. This applies to all meat products, including bacon, ham, sausages, salami and pate. The restrictions *have been imposed* because of the risk that serious animal diseases can be introduced through imported animal products. No meat or meat products can be brought back from Spain, Portugal and most of Africa, and no uncooked meat can be brought in from Greece.

Roads

The North: A1: Roadworks on Seven Mile House Bridge, NW of Seaton Burn, Northumberland. **A688:** Roadworks on Bishop Auckland bypass N of the junction with the A6072. **M62:** Resurfacing of hard shoulder between junctions 24 and 26 (Brighouse to Bradford stretch) on E and westbond carriageways; some delay.

Wales and West: A39: Roadworks from Barnstaple to Bideford at North Rd, Pildon; also surfacing *work at Abbotsham Cross. A494:* Temporary lights during working hours on the Dolgellau to Bala Rd on the stretch between Dolgellau and Rhydymain. **M4:** Only one lane of westbound carriageway open between junction 17 (Cirencester/Chippenham) and 18 (A46 Bath/Stroud).

Scotland: A68: Roadworks N of Pathead, Midlothian. **A78 (A742):** Roadworks at IBM, between Greenock and Inverkip; eastbound carriageway closed; two-way on westbound. **A74:** Telecom work of B740 junction, at Crawfordjohn; westbound inside lane closed, 24hrs.

Information supplied by the AA.

The papers

The Daily Mirror says: "The evil which Colin Evans did to Marie Payne is beyond discription. The negligence which made it possible is beyond forgiveness." The paper adds: "That a man with such an obscene record of sexual assaults *upon children* could become a child minder is incredible. That he would end up as a child murderer now looks to have been almost inevitable."

The Daily Star also commenting on the murder of Marie Payne, says: "The Home Office and Scotland Yard must find ways of ensuring that the records of all sex offenders are made constantly available to all local police forces and social services departments. And local councils must make sure that all their staff act on the information – by sacking those who don't."



Portfolio – how to play

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If you are unable to telephone someone else can claim on your behalf but they must have your card and call The Times Portfolio claims line between the stipulated times.

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Weather forecast

A trough of low pressure will cross the British Isles from the W.

6am to midnight

London, SE, Central S, E England, East Anglia, Midlands: Sunny periods at first, scattered showers developing; wind SW to W moderate; max temp 7C (45F).

Channel Islands, SW, NW England, Wales, Isle of Man: Bright or sunny intervals, occasional showers, wintry on hills; wind SW becoming W fresh; max temp 7C (45F).

Lake District, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands: Bright or sunny intervals, occasional wintery showers, perhaps heavy, becoming cloudy later; wind SW to W fresh or strong; max temp 7C (45F).

Central N, NE England, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Sunny periods at first, scatterered wintry showers developing; wind SW to W moderate or fresh; max temp 7C (45F).

Argyll, NW Scotland, Northern Ireland: Bright or sunny intervals, occasional wintry showers, perhaps heavy, becoming cloudy with rain later; wnd SW to W fresh or strong; max temp 7C (45F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Thursday: Cloudy weather with occasional rain spreading from the W to most districts tomorrow; becoming mild or very mild in the S.

SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea, Strait of Dover: Wind W backing SW fresh or strong; showers; visibility good; sea moderate or rough. **English Channel:** Wind W backing SW fresh or strong, perhaps gale force later; showers; visibility good; sea moderate or rough. **St Georges Channel, Irish Sea:** Wind SW veering W, fresh; showers, visibility good; sea moderate.

Sun rises: 8.02 am — Sun sets: 3.52 pm
Moon rises: 2.51 am — Moon sets: 1.26 pm
New Moon: December 22.

Lighting-up time

London 4.22 pm to 7.33 am
Bristol 4.32 pm to 7.42 am
Edinburgh 4.09 pm to 8.11 am
Manchester 4.20 pm to 7.52 am
Penzance 4.51 pm to 7.48 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

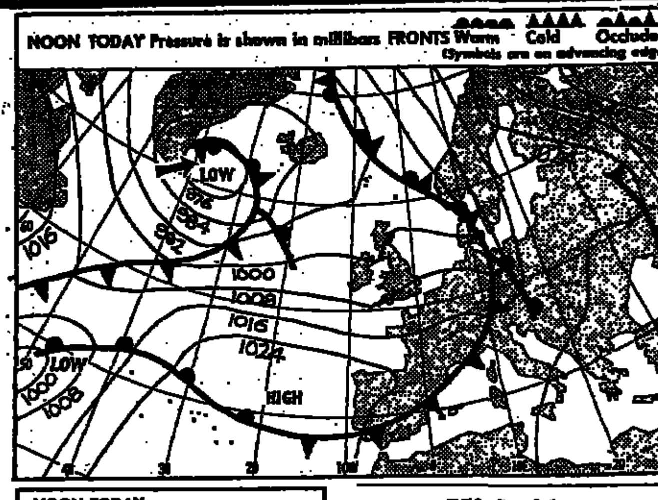
		C	F			C	F
Belfast	c	3	37	Guernsey	r	9	48
Birmingham	c	8	46	Inverness	r	6	43
Blackpool	r	7	45	Jersey	r	10	50
Bristol	c	7	45	London	d	8	46
Cardiff	c	7	45	Manchester	r	6	43
Edinburgh	r	5	41	Newcastle	r	3	37
Glasgow	r	4	39	Ronaldsway	f	7	45

London

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 10C (50F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 3C (37F). Humidity: 6 pm, 71 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.006in. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.0. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1006.3 millibars
1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

Highest and lowest

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Sandown, 11C (52F); lowest day max: Carrigans, 4C (39F); highest rainfall: Keswick, 1.06; highest sunshine: Falmouth, 2.0hrs.





b–blue sky; bc–blue sky and cloud; c–cloudy; o–overcast; f–fog; d–drizzle; h–hail; m–mist; r–rain; s–snow; th–thunderstorm; p–showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled, temperatures fahrenheit.

High tides

TODAY

	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	9.35	6.3	10.26	6.6
Aberdeen	9.43	3.8	9.52	4.0
Avonmouth	2.54	11.2	3.24	11.6
Belfast	7.19	3.1	7.34	3.5
Cardiff	2.39	10.4	3.09	10.8
Devonport	1.27	4.8	1.52	5.0
Dover	6.53	5.9	7.33	5.9
Falmouth	12.57	4.6	1.22	4.8
Glasgow	9.09	4.3	9.09	4.5
Harwich	7.31	3.4	8.22	3.5
Holyhead	6.39	4.9	6.48	5.2
Hull	1.41	6.5	2.44	6.5
Ilfracombe	1.44	7.8	2.12	8.0
Leith	10.46	5.0	11.08	5.2
Liverpool	7.13	8.1	7.35	8.5
Lowestoft	4.55	2.3	6.08	2.2
Margate	7.38	4.4	8.34	4.4
Milford Haven	2.02	5.9	2.29	6.2
Newquay	1.01	5.8	1.28	6.2
Oban	2.05	3.2	2.24	3.5
Penzance	12.41	4.8	1.05	5.1
Portland	2.34	1.7	2.50	1.8
Portsmouth	7.23	4.3	7.50	4.2
Shoreham	7.03	5.6	7.37	5.4
Southampton	7.02	4.2	7.27	4.1
Swansea	2.12	7.9	2.40	8.3
Tees			12.14	4.8
Walton-on-Naze	7.27	3.7	8.19	3.8

Tide measurement in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

Around Britain

	Sun hr	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	–	.13	5	41	Cloudy	Guernsey	–	.28	11	52	Drizzle
Bridlington	–	.13	5	41	Cloudy pm	Scilly Isles	–	.15	8	46	Dull
Cromer	–	.10	7	45	Drizzle	Newquay	–	.14	8	46	Cloudy
Lowestoft	–	.22	6	43	Rain	Ilfracombe	–	.17	10	50	Dull
Clacton	–	.07	9	48	Rain	Tenby	–	.24	7	45	Cloudy
Margate	–	.06	10	50	Showers	Southport	–	.17	7	45	Hail pm
Folkestone	–	.14	10	50	Rain	Morecambe	–	.25	7	45	Rain
Hastings	–	.09	10	50	Rain am	Douglas	0.8	.26	7	45	Hail pm
Eastbourne	–	.12	11	52	Rain am	London (Ctrl)	–	.06	10	50	Rain am
Brighton	–	.11	9	48	Showers	B'ham (Airpt)	–	.06	8	46	Shwrs pm
Worthing	–	.11	10	50	Rain am	Bristol (Ctrl)	–	.07	10	50	Rain am
Littlehmptn	–	–	–	–	–	Cardiff (Ctrl)	–	.15	9	48	Rain am
Bognor R	–	.09	11	52	Rain am	Anglesey	1.8	.18	8	46	Showers
Southsea	–	.12	10	50	Rain am	B'pool (Airpt)	–	.18	8	46	Showers
Shanklin	–	.20	10	50	Rain am	Manchester	–	.51	7	45	Shwrs pm
Bournemth	–	.13	11	52	Rain am	Nottingham	–	.20	6	43	Rain pm
Poole	–	.13	10	50	Rain	N'ctl-n-Tyne	–	.13	6	43	Sleet
Swanage	–	.20	11	52	Rain am	Carlisle	–	.14	7	45	Rain am
Weymouth	–	.15	11	52	Dull	Eskdalemuir	–	.29	4	39	Rain
Exmouth	–	.14	10	50	Dull	Prestwick	–	.16	5	41	Rain
Torquay	–	.13	10	50	Cloudy	Glasgow	–	.43	4	39	Rain
Falmouth	2.0	.24	7	45	Cloudy	Tiree	0.5	.80	7	45	Hail
Penzance	–	.34	8	46	Showers	Stornoway	–	.48	7	45	Rain

Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

		C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	f	17	63	Cologne	f	6	43	Majorca	s	17	63	Rome	f	19	66
Akrotiri	s	17	63	Copenhgn	c	-2	28	Malaga	s	17	63	Salzburg	c	2	36
Alexandria*	f	22	72	Corfu	f	16	61	Malta	s	19	66	Sao Paulo*	c	24	75
Algiers	s	19	66	Dublin	s	4	39	Melbourne	s	23	73	S Francisco*	s	9	48
Amsterdam	c	5	41	Dubrovnik	c	15	59	Mexico C*	s	19	66	Santiago*	c	27	81
Athens	c	16	61	Faro	s	16	61	Miami*	c	24	75	Seoul	f	3	37
Bahrain	s	18	64	Florence	c	14	57	Milan	f	7	45	Singapore	c	9	28
Barbados				Frankfurt	c	5	41	Montreal*	c	3	37	Stockholm	sn	-4	25
Barcelona	s	16	61	Funchal	f	19	66	Moscow	sn	-9	16	Strasbourg	c	6	43
Beirut	s	17	63	Geneva	f	10	50	Munich	f	5	41	Sydney	s	28	82
Belgrade	c	11	52	Gibraltar	s	16	61	Nairobi	s	23	73	Tangier	s	17	63
Berlin	c	-4	25	Helsinki	sn	-7	19	Naples	f	17	63	Tel Aviv	s	19	66
Bermuda*	r	21	70	Hongkong	c	22	72	New Delhi	s	20	68	Tenerife	f	21	73
Biarritz	s	13	55	Innsbruck	s	2	36	New York*	c	7	45	Tokyo	f	9	48
Boulogne	c	8	46	Istanbul	s	10	50	Nice	s	13	55	Toronto*	f	6	43
Bordeaux	c	6	43	Jiddah*	c	29	84	Oslo	sn	-3	27	Tunis	s	18	64
Brussels	c	6	43	Jo'burg*	s	27	81	Paris	r	7	45	Valencia	s	15	59
Budapest	r	-2	28	Karachi*	s	26	79	Peking	s	-5	23	Vanc'ver*	sn	-1	30
Buen Aires*	s	23	73	Las Palmas	f	21	70	Perth	c	22	72	Venice	c	7	45
Cairo	f	20	68	Lisbon	f	14	27	Prague	c	-1	30	Vienna	sn	-3	27
Cape Tn	s	24	75	Locarno	c	7	45	Reykjavik	sn	-3	27	Warsaw	sn	-5	23
C'blanca	c	19	66	L Angeles*	c	12	54	Rhodes	s	16	61	Washington*	d	7	45
Chicago*	s	14	57	Luxembg	fg	3	37	Riyadh*	s	15	59	Wellington*	s	17	63
Ch'church*	c	14	57	Madrid	f	10	50	Rio de Jan	c	25	77	Zurich	f	7	45

* denotes Sunday's figures are latest available